

Book Reviews.

"NEW DAY", by Victor S. Reid.

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The World of Books -- by Vernon Fane. In "The Sphere"  
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"NEW DAY (Heinemann, 12s. 6d.) is a novel of Jamaica, and up to date the best that I have ever read about that beautiful and uneasy island. Mr. V. S. Reid was born and educated in Jamaica, and knows its people with more than the superficial ease of familiarity. He knows its history too, and this novel is an amazingly convincing version of that history from 1865 to 1944, as seen through the eyes of a long-lived Jamaican. It often happens that with a novel written entirely in dialect, the attention wanders, ~~or~~ or else the effort at understanding is too much and one discards the book entirely. In this case, there is an almost musical cadence to the sentences that would be enough to carry the reader along through a no more than adequate plot, whereas Mr. Reid has written a story that is very moving and profoundly interesting."