Student's Query Box.

Give the origin of Mason and Dixon's Line?

This grew out out of a long dispute between Pennsylvania and Maryland, in regard to their boundaries, because of royal grants to Lord Baltimore, the Duke of York and William Penn. In 1764 it was agreed by all parties to have the line established by two distinguished English engineers, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. The line marked by them was rigidly observed by all parties, and has ever since been famous as Mason and Dixon's Line.

When was Alaska purchased, and how much?

I. 1868. 2. $7,200,000 in coin.

What was the popular vote in 1968 for President?

Grant and Colfax, 2,985,031; Seymour and Blair, 2,648, 830; Radical majority, 336, 201. The States of Missippi, Texas and Virginia were not allowed to vote, because they had not complied with the "Reconstruction" exations.

Mention some noted naturalists?

Lamark (1745–1829), of Paris, was the first prominent advocate of the transmutation of species. Geo. Cuvier (1769–1832, a German, born on French soil, was the first to base classification upon structure. Buffon (1707-1788), was the first to call attention to the subject of distribution. Leeuwenhoeck (1632–1623), was the first to use the microscope.

Where was Luke born?

According to Eusebius, Luke was a native of Antioch.

Is it known when Mark died?

Jerome states that he died and was buried at Alexandria, in Egypt, in the eighth year of the reign of Nero, (A. D. 62.)

Are the last twelve verses of the sixteenth chapter of Mark spurious?

Gregory, bishop of Nyssa, in Capdocia, was the first to call these verses into question. The verses in question are wanting in the Vatican manuscripts. They are extant in the Codex Alexandrinus. From the first verse to the end of the fifteenth is found in the Codex Bezæ. The whole twelve verses are found in the Peschito (or Old Syriac) and Arabic versions and in the Vulgate. They are cited by Augustine, Ambrose, and Leo, Bishop of Rome (surnamed the Great. From the first verse to the close of the ninth are found in the Codex Sinaiticus, the remainder of the chapter being wanting. Recent Biblical criticism has shown these verses to be genuine.

1. What is meant by the twelve Cæsars? 2. What Roman Emperors constitute the Flavian family?

1. Julius, Augustus, Tiberius, Caius (Caligula), Claudius, Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitelliues, Vespasian, Titus and Domitian. Succeeding Emperors assumed the title of Cæsar, but from the fact that Suetonius composed the biography of the first twelve, the name has become their peculiar heritage. 2. The real blood of Julius Cæsar became extinct with the death of Nero. Then a new family came to the throne by the name of Flavius. It includes Vespasian (A. D. 69-79); Titus (A. D, 79-81); Domitian (A. D. 81-961).

1. Who built the Colosseum? 2. How many people would it seat?

1. The Colosseum was begun under the Emperor Vespasian and finished under his son Titus. 2. According to Gibbon, it was a building of an elliptic figure, 564 feet in length and 467 in breadth, founded on four score agches, and rising with four successive orders of architecture, to the height of 140 feet. It would seat conveniently eighty thousand spectators.

When was Pompeii destroyed?

In A. D. 79, during the first year of the reign of Titus.

Who was Zenobia?

She was queen of Palmyra A. D. 264-273. She was defeated by the Emperor Aurelian.—*Y. M. C. A. Messenger.*

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