

*Czolgosz.*

Czolgosz, the cacophonously-named murderer of President McKinley, is still the subject of discussion in the United States, the question having been raised whether he was not insane rather than a criminal.

Expert testimony was excluded from the trial, with the result that both the medical and lay mind is in ignorance of the grounds and methods of inquiry on which the opinion of Czolgosz's responsibility was arrived at.

The examination lasted three weeks, and was assisted by a very full statement of premeditation by the assassin. How far reliable evidence of his past life was obtained is not publicly known, but only strong evidence of previous insanity and insane conduct could shake the conclusion arrived at. If such evidence existed it should certainly have been produced before the trial. Dr. Channing, of Boston, believes that he has evidence of a distinct history of insanity in Czolgosz, and there will probably be much future debate on this question.

That an insane person should have been executed as a criminal would be regrettable, and also that he should be ranked as an anarchist, for although anarchism is a strong presumption of insanity, the converse is fortunately not true.

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*General Index to 'Brain.'*

The general index to the first twenty-three volumes of *Brain*, which has recently reached us, is a valuable addition to our reference shelf. It represents a very large amount of work, which only those who have undertaken similar work can fully appreciate.

The list of authors is given separately from that of subjects, which is a considerable convenience. The index of subjects appears to be very satisfactory, both in cross and related indexing. The typing, too, is well adapted to aid in speedy reference.

The readers of *Brain* may be congratulated on having this piece of work so satisfactorily completed, chiefly, we believe, through the energy of the present editor, although his name does not appear in connection with it.