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I have not been able to do much for him during the last year. I should be perfectly happy & contented in my sphere of labors had I not great & grievous troubles from a quarter, where, I am sure, no missionary work has yet suffered from. Charity for others makes me keep silence, he fears to injure a cause so dear to me as this mission, makes it my duty to cover guilt, which would be amenable to law before any tribunal; but I cannot otherwise state deeply grieve, that my worn down & oppressed mind un-qualifies me for much that might have been accomplished, had my energies been less tasked with bearing this with carrying forward. It is another thing to suffer in quietness & another thing to be active while suffering. It is no small addition to all my positive afflictions, to have to swell the account with the negative heaviness which certainly activity & love of enterprise. I have, for example, ready all the material for a good Japanese grammar but I do not feel myself the animus for such a work. My Chinese-Japanese Translation might have been pushed to double its present extent, had my mind been buoyed up instead of wrapped in melancholy, year & care for the expenses such work involves. Can you quote an example of a mission in China, without a Chinese teacher attached to it? Even Dr. Mathews, Parker, Bridgman, Gabeloff I do not without them. And yet this poor outstation is now three years without. I have to torment myself with hours' alone study in the Chinese not to forget what I have acquired with so much pain & diligence. Government has done all in its power to hinder the foreigners, if possible, from acquiring the languages they are here to teach.

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