

concerning them. Last mail brought us very little. Though looked for it at the usual time, we waited day after day for a week, looking, longing, but at last it came.

A few days ago we were grieved to hear that Mrs. Wellman, Kamundongo, will have to return to America. She has been away for some time, as also has Dr. Wellman. Whether or not he will go is not yet known. They have not been here for three years, but after a time of rest will probably be able to return and again take up their work.

Feb. 19.—Since writing the above, we were surprised and delighted by the arrival of the mid month mail. It brought us word of our sister's return. I was going to write "ocili," it seemed so natural that is "truly," and also that the others would come at the same time. Did you ever wish for something that seemed a long way off, but as, little by little, it came nearer and became more anxious to obtain it? That is how we feel, each month's news seems a step nearer to the end.

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, Feb. 15, 1899.

PARCELS SENT TO THE STATION.

During the past year a number of packages of goods have been sent out to help various departments of our work, and we sincerely thank our friends, but the way they have been marked leads to confusion and danger of loss.

*Example :*

One case C and two bales, without number, arrived per steamer "Loanda," 18th June, 1898.

One case C and two bales, without number, arrived per steamer "St. Ambaca," 19th August, 1898.

Two bales, no number, arrived per steamer "St. Angola," 24th October, 1898.

Now observe concerning these the following:—

1. All those goods passed the Customs House as "articles for personal use," on which duty is 500 Rs.—80 percent=400 Rs. at Benguella (per kilog) besides a small fee for naturalizing the goods in Lisbon in order to save 20 percent of the duty.
2. It is not possible to tell where one of those bales came from or what it contains.
3. It is not possible to send for anyone of those bales in particular, however much it may be wanted.
4. If any one of the bales were lost either on the sea voyage from our store house (where some of them still remain) at Benguella, it would not be possible for me to recover damages, and I could not say which bale and what it contained.