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The instructions describing character styling and paragraph formatting are recorded using the `rend` attribute. Character styles, such as `italic`, `bold`, `underline`, `superscript` or `subscript`, are recorded in the `rend` attribute of the `<hi>` element. Paragraph alignment (namely `center`, `left` or `right`) is recorded in the `rend` attribute of the `<p>` element for paragraphs. In practice, there is little reason to use the `left` value, since the default alignment is left for the `<p>` element at Livingstone Online.

Capitalised words should be coded using `rend` values of cap and sc, respectively indicating that text is CAPITALISED or in SMALL CAPITALS, rather than simply entering the text as capitalised characters. Although the capitalisation of words is indicated through this coding, it is nevertheless important for editors to pay close attention to how they enter the text. In the case of text that appears as small capitals, the larger initial capital letters should be capitalised when entering the text. Thus, the text SMALL CAPITALS would be coded as `<hi rend="sc">Small Capitals</hi>`. The capitalisation of items is also important when entering material entirely capitalised in the original document. In these cases, it is vital that the editor enters the text according to modern editorial conventions. Thus, the title "ON FEVER IN THE ZAMBESI" would be coded as `<hi rend="cap">On Fever in the Zambesi</hi>`. Entirely capitalised names and other proper nouns, such as "LIVINGSTONE" or "ZAMBESI" would be similarly entered according to modern conventions concerning capitalisation and encoded as `<hi rend="cap">Livingstone</hi> or <hi rend="cap">Livingstone</hi>`.

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