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In my paper I will first give a presentation of the text commonly known as *The Fourth Grammatical Treatise*, its Latin fundament (the *Doctrinale* by Alexander de Villa-Dei) and the sources of the grammarian's vernacular poetic examples. Quintilian wrote that 'style is corrupted in as many ways as it can be ornamented', and in the second part of my paper I will discuss some aspects of the fourth grammarian's teachings about linguistic, stylistic and poetic virtues and vices.