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MANUSCRIPT OF LATIN GRAMMAR FROM FOJNICA

Summary

Manuscript of Latin Grammar, which is kept in the Franciscan library in Fojnica under number 18, has 188 unnumbered pages (94 sheets), dimensions 18 x 13,50 cm. Although there is neither the introductory page nor a sign of the end, its content could be analyzed as a complete whole. Besides a very short preface it contains eight chapters which refer to particular parts of speech (partes orationis). The remaining part of Manuscript is composed of rules, mostly syntactical ones and practical guidelines for usage of certain parts of speech, especially nouns, verbs and adjectives. It is important to mention that Manuscript is not probably an autograph, but a student's transcript or writing down what the author as a lector (teacher) was dictating. The Manuscript contains data neither about the time of occurrence nor about author, so there is a question about its authorship. Father Marijan Jakovljević and Father Stjepan Marijanović are most often mentioned as the authors. Although the Manuscript contains some chapters identical to Father Stjepan Marijanović's grammar, the thesis about his authorship was rejected by the analysis of Manuscript orthography and some category definitions which are different in the Manuscript and Marijanović's Grammar.

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