

Atque idem ego hoc contendo: cum ad naturam eximiam
 et inlustrem accesserit ratio quaedam conformatioque
 195 doctrinae, tum illud nescioquid praeclarum ac singu-
 lare solere exsistere. **16** Ex hoc esse hunc numero quem
 patres nostri viderunt, divinum hominem, Africanum,
 ex hoc C. Laelium, L. Furium, moderatissimos homi-
 nes et continentissimos, ex hoc fortissimum virum et illis
 200 temporibus doctissimum, M. Catonem illum senem. Qui
 profecto si nihil ad percipiendam colendamque virtu-
 tem litteris adiuventur, numquam se ad earum studium
 contulissent. Quod si non hic tantus fructus ostendere-
 tur, et si ex his studiis delectatio sola peteretur, tamen,

193–196. **idem**: construe with *ego* (see note on 103–106 above). **hoc**: object of *contendo* and antecedent of the following indirect statement (cf. *illud*, 191 above). **cum... tum**: “when...then.” **accesserit**: “has been added (to).” **ratio...doctrinae**: “a certain system of training and education imparted by instruction.” **illud nescioquid**: subject of *solere*, intentionally vague despite the demonstrative, “that certain something or other.” **praeclarum ac singulare**: construe with *nescioquid*.

196–200. A list of historical *exempla* connected by the ANAPHORA of *ex hoc* (for the biographies of the individuals mentioned see APPENDIX I).

196–197. **Ex hoc...numero**: “from this number,” where we would say “in this number,” or “among these.” **esse hunc**: a continuation of the indirect statement dependent on *contendo* from the previous sentence. **divinum hominem, Africanum**: in APPPOSITION to *hunc*.

198–199. **ex hoc**: sc. *numero esse*. **moderatissimos...continentissimos**: plurals in APPPOSITION to the compound antecedent *C. Laelium, L. Furium*.

199–200. **fortissimum...doctissimum**: in APPPOSITION to *Catonem*, so also *illum senem*. **illis temporibus**: ablative of time during which (B 231.1), construe with *doctissimum*.

200–203. **Qui**: nominative plural, CONNECTING RELATIVE (= *et ii*), referring to all the individuals just mentioned. **si...adiuventur...contulissent**: a contrary-to-fact condition referring to the past. The imperfect subjunctive of the PROTASIS refers to a continued act, the pluperfect subjunctive of the APODOSIS describes completed action, B 304.2. **nihil**: adverbial, “not at all.” **ad...virtutem**: “in their progress toward achieving and cultivating excellence.” **litteris**: ablative of means with *adiuventur*. **se...contulissent**: see note on 42–44 above. **earum**: the antecedent is *litteris*.

203–205. **Quod si...ostenderetur...peteretur**: “But if...” a contrary-to-fact condition with a BIPARTITE PROTASIS.