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to be very cold, and bluish and pleasant in appearance. And I said, "Fine," since I acknowledged the goodness of the water. When I went in, again I found the other water in the warmer bathhouse milder. And then I was in the warm bath and was undressing. I also bathed with much pleasure.

January 15 On the twenty-third, vomiting again in the evening according to a dream.

January 16 On the twenty-fourth, I dreamed that I was in the warm baths. Some men with daggers and otherwise behaving suspiciously, happened to be near by. Finally some of them approached me, as if desiring some protection, for they said that they were accused by certain men. When I had been surrounded, I was greatly disturbed, neither trusting nor wishing to show that I was distrustful. Then I went along some path, and next there was a very large vault, where I was terribly afraid that they might attack me. But when to my relief I got through, I appeared to be in the city of Smyrna, in the market place, and I considered how many people might be assembled as quickly as possible and I might present a descriptive declamation. And afterwards, I took a torch, and all those in the market place bore torches, and they recited this verse of Euripides (Phoenissae 3): "O Sun, on swift horses, turning thy flame." For I dreamed that I arrived at the rising of the sun. I also dreamed that later I recounted these things, as they appeared in the dream, to the Governor Quadratus, and that he said, "Do so." No bathing, and a torch was raised<sup>7</sup>.

January 17 On the twenty-fifth, I dreamed that with my teacher Alexander, I approached the Emperor, who sat upon a dais. When Alexander, since he was a long time friend and acquaintance, first saluted him and was saluted by him and his retinue, I approached. And when I saluted him and stood there, the Emperor wondered why I too did not come forward and kiss him. And I said that I was a worshipper of Asclepius. For I was content to say so much about myself. "Therefore in addition to other things," I said,

<sup>7</sup> I 22 I accept the reading of AS. Keil transposed: ἡ λαμπάρις ἦρθη. ἀλοισία.

"the God has instructed me not to kiss in this fashion." And he replied, "It is well." I was silent. And he said, "Asclepius is better than all to worship."

January 18 On twenty-sixth, there appeared the Temple of Apollo, which is on Mount Milyas. Certain buildings seemed to have been added and the name of the place to be Elephantine from Elephantine in Egypt. I was pleased, both because of the buildings and because of the similarity of the one place to the other. And the priest of the God was the priest of Isis in Smyrna, and I was staying with him. And I thought to myself that we had long been fast friends. And I happened before to have bought something from him. Then having some credit due me, I wished to make a trade. After this, I dreamed that someone said, "Kuphi with wine." I immediately took it as a medicine and considered whether it was necessary to apply it on my face or internally. And when someone said that it would burn wherever it was applied, I thought that it would be all the more suitable to be a drug for a cold. And somehow after this, I said to the priest that it was clear from what I had read that there would be no need to eat. Thereupon I intended to pass the day in fasting. I fasted.

January 19 On the following day, there was no bathing again.

January 20 On the twenty-eighth, I dreamed that after my food had not digested properly, I consulted Zosimus, my foster father, about bathing and asked if it were necessary to bathe more. But he did not agree. After this, I bathed and then had stomach trouble, and said to Zosimus, "Was it necessary to have fasted?" And he said, "It was necessary." Again I fasted.

January 21 And on the following day, I vomited again at evening. There was a dream that a bone was annoying me and there was need to expel it, and a notion of drawing blood from the ankles. And I did so, and there was a very slight discharge.

January 24 On the first of Lenaeon, I dreamed that I was

