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anointed in the Hadrianeion, but had not bathed. And when I came out, I said to one of my friends that I did not bathe, but anointed myself. And he said, "I too have only anointed myself." There had been no bathing for six days.

January 25 On the second, I dreamed that I was in the 30

Temple of Asclepius at dawn, having come straight from some journey, and was glad that it was quickly opened. I dreamed also that the boys sang the old song, which begins:

"I celebrate Zeus, the highest of all," and were in the following part of the song:

"The moderate life means much to me,

To sing of the Gods and in joy

To soothe my heart, under such a teacher."

Therefore I marvelled that the song appeared spontaneously. Again since my birthday was approaching, I sent servants to the Temple conveying certain offerings, and I also wrote down inscriptions on that which they conveyed. And I used artifice for a good token, so that my speaking might succeed in all that was necessary.

January 26 On the third, the lamps appeared to be brought 32 into the Temple by the porter in accordance with a prayer on my behalf, and it was necessary to vomit. I vomited.

January 28 On the fifth, I dreamed that I prayed to the Gods, some things in common, to those to whom I am wont to pray, and again privately to Zeus and Ares, and the Gods who hold Syria. And the habitations there appeared nearly the same as those at home. And after this, there was a procession to the Emperor. But I took part in the procession to the Emperor, who was then in Syria. And it turned out well.

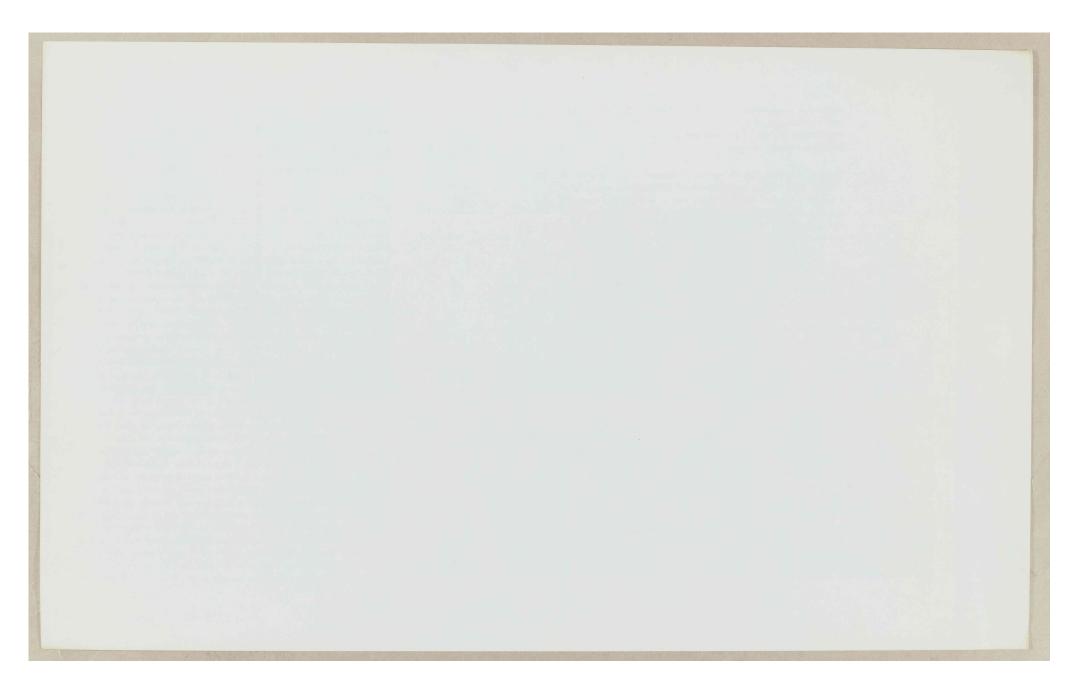
January 30 On the seventh, I dreamed that I saw, in some 34 dressing room of a bath, the orator Charidemus, from Phoenicia, shining and just bathed, and I said to him, with my greeting, that he bathed too early, and at the same time I also undressed myself. I bathed.

February 2 And again on the tenth of the month, Antoninus, the son of Pythodorus, seemed to me to discourse on the praises of the Nymphs. Therefore I too said that the Goddesses were not more charming, and that a proper person could assuredly enjoy them, even if he did not bathe much, but moderately. I dreamed that I said these things and also some praise of Hygieia.

February 4 On the twelfth, I dreamed that Antoninus, the 36 elder Emperor, and the King of our enemies made a treaty of peace and friendship with one another. Vologases' retinue talked not a little as they advanced, and they seemed to speak Greek. Next they both came to me in their royal trappings. And Antoninus was well in his prime, and the other somewhat imposing to look upon. He sat not far from me, and on the other side, upon a throne Antoninus. And the Mede seemed to me to have some experience in medical 37 affairs. And greeting me, he said," When are you going to read to us?" And I was pleased by his remark and said, "Whenever you two bid me." And they prepared to listen, but I went off to select some of my writings. And I decided to compose hastily a prologue for 38 them, and it went somehow so - in my dream I recalled the whole composition, but this alone I have preserved: "Now somebody who wished to indicate his pleasure, when some good thing happened to him, said, 'that he was more than doubled with joy;' and somebody else, 'that he seemed to be in the Isles of the Blest.' And such are also my feelings through the good fortune of the present day." And at the same time, I considered whether it were fitting to share the speech between them, or to give the greater portion to our Emperor, and next deal with that for the other party. I spoke somewhat as follows: "Therefore," I said, ,,if I had not been trained in divine visions, I think that I would not easily endure this spectacle, so wonderful does it seem to me and greater than man's estate." I said "divine visions," especially indicating Asclepius and Sarapis. So much for that. Meanwhile I judged it proper to select one of my writings. 39 Next I decided to bring in the casket and permit them to take whatever they wished. For this otherwise had a certain charm, and at the same time thus especially astounded them. I also dreamed that I recounted later word for word to Pelops how these dreams appeared.

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Later I thought that there was brought to me, when I had bathed, 40



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