Annotation


Ziegler (1924).—Discussion after Pfahler, 1924.

**ANNOTATION**

**Ophthalmic Treatment in the early XIXth Century**

In the Farington Diary; Vol: IV, 1807, occurs the following account of an ophthalmic condition and its treatment. On September 19th, "at ½ past 1, called upon Mr. Watkin Phipps, oculist, in Cork Street, Burlington Gardens, who examined my eyes and told me that my complaint was seated in the eye lids, which from having been overexerted had lost their tone, and did not properly supply moisture for their functions. He recommended me to apply a large sponge, steeped in water as hot as I could bear it to my eyelids for the space of 6 or 7 minutes 4 or 5 times a day, and to call on him again on Monday next, when he shd. better be able to determine what to do. I dined alone. His hours for receiving patients from ½ past 1 till 4 every day except Sundays. I gave him one guinea. Sept. 21st. Watkin Phipps I went to who applied a sharp stimulus to my eyes. Directed an ointment to be touched to the edges and corners of my eyes for a
minute the last thing at night, and then to be wiped off with a soft handkerchief. The bathing of the eyes to be continued as often as I please. He sd. he shd. soon put my eyes to right. Sept. 25th. Watkin Phipps I went to. He gave me a caustic waxy preparation inserted in a quill and shewed me how it was to be applied. The size of a pin's head to be taken on the point of a small camel hair pencil, and dissolved by passing it through the flame of a candle or holding it to the heat of a candle or a fire, and then drawing the point of the pencil upon the lid of the eye, *between the eye lash and the eye*, of the upper and lower lid of each eye. The eye not to be touched, *though no injury wd. ensue from it*. He directed me to continue the use of the *warm water bath*, and the eye water, but recommended the caustic application to be applied every morning rather than at night, as it would be *better seen how to do it*.

No further reference to the eye condition appears in the volumes of the diary that have so far been published. We have no knowledge of the oculist in question, and we have a strong suspicion that he may have been a quack.

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