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Charlotte Brontë and the Pleasures of Learning a New Language

シャーロット・ブロンテと新しい言葉を学ぶ喜び

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講演要旨

In the 1840s Charlotte Brontë, later to become famous as the author of *Jane Eyre*, decided she needed to earn her own living. She resolved to learn French and become a teacher. She lived in the north of England, in an isolated village called Haworth. Women were not then allowed to study at university, and foreign books were difficult to obtain. It is unlikely that she had contact with native French speakers and she had to find her own way of mastering a foreign language.

Her situation was much more difficult than for us learners today, so how did Charlotte Brontë manage? After a short time she went to study abroad, in Belgium. This was one of the most important decisions in her life. Aged 26 she was

enrolled in a girls' school and later became an assistant teacher. Living in Belgium gave her insight into what seemed a very foreign culture. Her relationships with Belgian people were complex and often difficult, but her relationship with one of the teachers there was to become basic material for two of her novels, *Villette* and *The Professor*.

According to Charlemagne, "To have another language is to possess a second soul." Charlotte Brontë was a strong, independent woman who believed passionately in English virtues. Did learning another language give her a "second soul"? What did it mean for her to her to move outside her circle of family and friends and explore a new language?

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■ 講演は英語で行われます ■ 講演要旨は当日日本語で配布します ■ 参加無料

■ 申込方法 メール・ファクシミリ・ハガキのいずれかでお申し込みください。

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