

January

Day 19: Friday, January 19th

☼ LEEDS ↗08:11 →12:16 ↘16:21 ☾ WHITBY ↘02:17
↗11:07, waxing gibbous

1831: Aged 14, Charlotte Brontë starts at Roe Head School, Mirfield

Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell. 1857. *The life of Charlotte Brontë*, Vol. 1.

I first saw her coming out of a covered cart, in very old-fashioned clothes, and looking very cold and miserable. She was coming to school at Miss Wooler's. When she appeared in the schoolroom, her dress was changed, but just as old. She looked a little old woman, so short-sighted that she always appeared to be seeking something, and moving her head from side to side to catch a sight of it. She was very shy and nervous, and spoke with a strong Irish accent. When a book was given her, she dropped her head over it till her nose nearly touched it, and when she was told to hold her head up, up went the book after it, still close to her nose, so that it was not possible to help laughing.

Day 20: Saturday, January 20th

☼ LEEDS ↗08:10 →12:17 ↘16:23 ☾ WHITBY ↘03:46
↗11:23, waxing gibbous

1536: Thomas Cromwell's dissolvers of monasteries, Richard Layton and Thomas Legh, report allegations of whoring and theft by William Thirsk, Abbot of Fountains