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MOTTO

*Sesungguhnya sesudah kesulitan itu ada kemudahan, maka
apabila kamu selesai (dari sesuatu urusan) kerjakanlah
dengan sungguh-sungguh (urusan) yang lain*

(Q.S. Abm Nasyrah: 67)

*We will never know if we never try, so never give up to
face the reality*

(The Writer)

*Keep your dreams, because if they gone life just like a
bird with broken wings*

(Langston Hughes)

Apabila cinta telah memanggilmu, ikutilah dia ...

Walau jalannya terjal dan berliku-liku

*Dan apabila sayapnya merangkulmu, pasrahlah serta
menyerah, walau pedang yang tersembunyi disela sayapnya
melukaimu*

(Khalil Gibran)

*Full your life with love, honesty and friendship, you
will be the most richman in the world*

(NN)

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Muhammad SAW
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affection and guidance
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This study belongs to qualitative study. In this method, there are two types of data source, which are used, namely primarily and secondary data sources. The primary data source and the object of the study is the novel *Mary Barton* itself, meanwhile the secondary one is any literature related both this study. The writer collects the data from both, primary and secondary data sources in a short of document as evidence. The study uses library research to collect the data. The collected data are analyzed by means of descriptive analysis.

Having analyzed this novel, the writer draws some conclusions as follows: first, a literary work involves the response of the author toward the social reality where they live. Second, Elizabeth Gaskell criticizes the condition at that time. It was strongly dominated by the upper class of the social structure in English society has dominated and exploited the classes below them. Elizabeth Gaskell's criticism has spirit of her nationalism to restructure the society and to build her ideal society.

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