

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter divided into five subchapters; these are background of the study, statements of research problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of the study

A lot of people are interested in reading literature. They have a big enthusiasm to follow the development of literary works that are created by the authors during this time. Hence, it is known that reading literature is an interesting activity. In their literary works, the authors explore and express their ideas, emotions, and experience beautifully. The authors drive the readers's imagination and emotion. When the readers read a literary work, they feel various feelings, such as sad, angry, disappointed, scared, or happy. These feelings give much satisfaction to the readers. Based on these explanation, it is described that literature delivers a pleasure and contentment to the readers. In literary work, the readers often hear and read any literary work, such as drama, poetry, prose and novel.

Telling about novel is a reading and enjoyment for its sense of entertaining and developing imagination. As Roberts said in his book *Writing themes about literature* that novel is a prose story based on the imagination of the author, which can entertain people as well as develop their imagination (1969, p:51). Therefore, the writer can enjoy and imagine the situation and the harmony in the novel rather

than other literary works. Based on these reasons, the writer chooses to analyze novel as final project.

The novel which is going to be analyzed entitled *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott is a literary work which concerns Mrs. March's life with four children. Mrs. March is a mother of four who give major influence on their children. Mrs. March has a dream to make the family complete again.

This novel is very interesting to read because it describes the real life in some scenes, although the language is still difficult to be understood and it contains many pages to be read, but it exactly makes the writer becomes more enthusiastic to read. Some of the scenes have the power of physical detail is shown by "Mother" in the story. So that, the story is good enough to be guidance of life. Furthermore, the novel also has the uniqueness in the plot of the story and it makes the writer interested in analyzing this novel because a mother can educate the children without her husband. Then, the reader can get knowledge about *Louisa May Alcott* as the author of this novel. It also shows the view of life when the people need each other. So that, the reader can get the moral value of the story. Based that this novel also telling about love. That is the background which encourages the reader to analyze this novel deeply.

A love is often hear in any literary works, like in this novel telling about love. Love is a topic that cannot be separated from human's life. It always becomes the most interesting topic for all people. Love is regarded as never ending story because love gives the power to people. When love always exists, whenever people certainly have love, sometime some people have plan to marry

with his/her partner. It is because of love. Male can be loyal to female as they date each other because of love. In addition, the children always get love from their parents. Formally, a mother certainly follows what their children want to have, although she is not able to fulfill it. For instance, at that time a mother does not have money but she tries to fulfil what their children's need, that all is because of love.

In one side, however, love can dissolve when the couple have problem and get conflict that happen between the couple in the journey of love. Love is beauty, but it has complicated meaning. It is the phenomena which occurs in the life. Sometimes, love can make confuse for people because it can change the darkness to the lightness. Besides, love gives power to the couple, love can give the good influence of the development skill like a mother gives rules for the child because it gives good regulation and motivation in their life. Like in one family, a mother always order her child go home before dusk because the mother keeps her child from evening breeze. It means that a relationship must be loyal and care to keep each other. If the relationship is built without sincerity and respect, it will not stay longer and become worst and worst between the family. It can be concluded that love can make a peaceful situation for the human.

In line with the elaboration above, the topic of this study is love of mother for children. Then, the theory which is going to be used is psychology of love by Erich Fromm. It means that the writer only focuses on the psychoanalytic of love theory. Actually "Love" is something important in this life, it encourages the writer wants to analyze this novel by using psychology of love theory. The writer

also wants to get a deeper meaning of “love”, especially in mother’s presence in this novel.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problem

Related to the background of the study above, the writer wants to analyze about:

1. How mother’s love that is reflected in *Little Women* by Louisa may Alcott?
2. How does the love influence the children that is reflected in *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the statement of the research problems above, this study intended to:

1. To describe the mother’s love that is reflected in *Little Women* by Louisa may Alcott.
2. To analyze how the love influences the children that is reflected in *Little Women* by Louisa may Alcott.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoritically, this study gives better understanding about the theory of psychology of love. This study serves better understanding about people who get love and the reader can understand more about people who get love. Practically, this study guides the readers that is important to keep a good relation between mother for children, this study gives contribution of life about moral values to the society.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is focused on psychology of love theory. It aimed to analyze the love of mother in *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Besides, it is also done to find the influences of love to the children. Mrs. March as a mother in their life, the fact of a mother keeps her child. Beside that, she is a mother who gives many important advises in their life. She comes to her family life and concerns in the effect of habitual activity as a love of mother. Then the mother discusses in some moment and relations with society. This study limits on the words, utterances, and sentences which are relevant with the topic.