

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

#### 5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing Elizabeth Gaskell's novel *North and South*, it can be concluded that the author apparently portrays the suffering of the working class who live in urban areas by the middle-class people or their employers. The novel shows the employees in Milton who live in suffering and are poor because of the treatment by the employer. This novel shows readers the suffering is because of injustice and oppression of the working-class people. Gaskell indirectly shows the abuse of power of the middle-class people toward the working-class people.

From the research, it can be concluded that there are at least four oppressions which can be classified as rooted from economic field. The first is low wages. The workers are paid poorly that they can hardly support their life. The second one is inadequate health insurance. The working-class people have to endure living in poor health because the factories do not provide certain machines that can be used to clean the air from the dangerous fluff. The fluff is everywhere inhaled by the workers, and endangers their health. The third one is the employer's lack of empathy. Even after all their sufferings, the employers still do not bother to show empathy to their poor lives. Therefore, the misery is to be handled alone. The last one is the abuse of right to speak. After all, the working-class people cannot protest because they are not given the right to speak. The results of these oppressions are four. The first is, of course, poverty. The working-class people cannot live properly due to poverty. Their wages are only enough to survive, not to live a good life. The second one is unhealthy working place which is caused by the employer's lack of empathy to the workers. The third is that the workers grow hopelessness and thought of death. It is inescapably that they are hopeless and

can only wait for the coming of death to them because of all the miserable life. Finally, they end up growing hatred in their hearts and minds. They hate the employers. They hate their life.

## 5.2 Suggestion

After conducting this research, the writer suggests further researchers to analyze the oppression of the working-class by the middle-class or the employers deeply. Maybe the further researcher can analyze how middle class people underestimate the working class and their opinions about the way to treat working-class people. The writer hopes that this research can help the readers so that further researchers can understand economic oppression and the effects of the oppression better. It can also be expanded to the study of the opportunities to get better life from gender perspective, whether men and women get different chances for better life in England at industrial era.

