

SOCIAL MOBILITY IN CHARLES DICKENS' *OUR MUTUAL FRIEND*

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Abstrak

Mobilitas sosial adalah kemampuan individu atau kelompok untuk berpindah status sosialnya dengan arah ke bawah atau ke atas. Hal ini disebabkan oleh beberapa faktor seperti ekonomi, pendidikan dan pernikahan. Seperti dalam novel karya Charles Dickens yang berjudul '*Our Mutual Friend*' yang lebih banyak menonjolkan tentang mobilitas sosial yang terjadi dalam masyarakat. Beberapa karakter dalam novel mengalami mobilitas sosial dengan arah ke atas maupun ke bawah. Penelitian ini menggunakan konsep mobilitas sosial sebagai pendekatan untuk menganalisis penelitian ini. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menggambarkan faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi beberapa karakter dalam cerita untuk mendapatkan perpindahan kelas sosial dan untuk menggambarkan mobilitas sosial yang merubah gaya hidup beberapa karakter dalam novel tersebut. Data dari penelitian tersebut diklasifikasikan berdasarkan faktor-faktor penyebab mobilitas sosial serta dampak dari mobilitas sosial tersebut yang berpengaruh pada gaya hidup. Jadi, hasil dari penelitian tersebut menunjukkan bahwa beberapa karakter dalam novel mengalami mobilitas sosial yang disebabkan oleh faktor tersebut serta memiliki dampak pada gaya hidup mereka.

Kata Kunci: mobilitas sosial, konsep mobilitas sosial, faktor penyebab mobilitas sosial, gaya hidup

Abstract

Social mobility is the ability of the individual or group to move the social statues in downward or upward direction. It is caused by some factors such as economic, education and marriage. Like in Charles Dickens' novel with the title of *Our Mutual Friend* who showed more about social mobility that occurred in society. Some characters in the novel got the social mobility in downward or upward direction. This study used concept of social mobility as the approach to analyse this study. The purpose of this study are to depict the factors that influence characters to achieve social mobility and to depict the characters' lifestyle from the social mobility. The data from this study is classified based on the factors of social mobility and its impact on lifestyle. So, the result of this study showed that some characters in this novel got the social mobility because of those factors and got the impacts on their lifestyle.

Keywords: social mobility, concept of social mobility, factors of social mobility, lifestyle.

INTRODUCTION

Society consists of people with their differentiation. It is created the classes in society because each people with their similarities will tend to gather. This is called social class that will create gap among them from their differentiation.

There are three basic class in society, they are lower class society that consist of hard workers people with lowest income. They are the poorest of all. Then, middle class society who consist of people who are not too poor and not too rich. And then, upper class society who consist of rich people who usually have the great political power in society.

This study used the concept of social mobility that talked most about the social class and the movement of the social class that occurred in society. In social class, there is always stratification from lower class to upper class which is caused by some factors such as economic condition, education and marriage. Wyatt et al. stated that:

“Social class typically measure through indicators of socioeconomic status such as income, occupation, and education. They categorized classes as working class, lower-middle class, intelligentsia, and upper class (*Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 189).”

From these factors, everybody can change their social statues from lower to upper or vice versa. This is called

as social mobility or the changing of individuals in social class.

In this research, the classic novel from Charles Dickens with the title 'Our Mutual Friend' was used. This is the last novel that was written by Dickens completed before his death in 1865. Most of his novels told about life and society and most of them were influenced by the story of his life. One of his novel that showed more about society in social class and also social mobility was 'Our Mutual Friend'.

In the novel depicted some characters who get the social mobility. The characters who come from lower class who have the big ambition to get the higher class is Lizzie Hexam. Lizzie and her family who lived in the side of the river where they produced money from the river too. She did not get education anymore but has the educated behaviour. She was having a social mobility from lower class to upper class by go to school and by marrying Eugene Wrayburn. The second class is lower-middle class that is better than lower class because this is the middle so this is not too rich and also not too poor. In the story someone who belong to this class are Bella Wilfer and her family who have the small inn but they did not rich at all. She could become higher society if she married by John Harmon. Then, she becomes higher society because she was asked by Noddy to live with them in grand. The third is upper class who is very rich people and the characters who belong to this class is John Harmon who got all of his father money after his father died.

The purpose of this study are try to depict the social mobility in the story of Charles Dickens' *Our Mutual Friend* and to depict social mobility transformed the characters' lifestyle.

METHOD

The method of research that is used in this study is a literary approach which is related with Sociology Literature. It is the concept about social mobility concept. It is regarded as descriptive qualitative study and uses a library research. The source of data is mainly from the novel by Charles Dickens with the title "*Our Mutual Friend*". The data that was taken are from the quotation, citation in the form of direct and indirect speech of the characters, dialogues, epilogues which show the social mobility that is depicted on that book.

Some steps of analysing the data are going to be showed as follows:

- a. Classify the data based on the statement of the problems. This classification is used to control and limit the discussion. There are some descriptions that are depicted in the text about the social mobility.
- b. Analyse and elaborate the data which is describing about the depiction social mobility that are stated in the form of quotations or statements and also use the literary theory as the approach to analyse it.
- c. Analyse and elaborate the data which is describing about social mobility in the story that is transformed the characters' lifestyle that are stated in the form of the quotations or statements.

DISCUSSION

Social mobility is the changing or the movement of social class that is caused by some factors. The factors such as education, economic condition and marriage.

The social class in society can occur by itself in accordance with the growth and development of society itself or occur deliberately structured to pursue the purpose or common interests. Ideally, all people are basically equal. But in reality, consciously or not there are people who are highly regarded position and some are despised position. In terms of the sociology of one's position in society is called status or social position. Status is a key element of social class' formation, because it contains the status of the structural aspects and functional aspects.

"My father was always unkind to me when I was a child. Now he is dead and I am rich. But will this money make me happy? (Page 8, par. 2)."

This is the quotation from the opening of this story that John Harmon comes from upper class and he inherited all of his father money after his father dead. Based on the history in the past, members of the upper class or if they were born from the rich and upper class, they did not have to work hard because they were supported by the inheritances from their family. In the terms of social mobility, this mobility called as social ascribed that people who born in rich family will belong to upper class and he or she should not work hard to be upper class.

Factors of Social Mobility

Factors that influence some characters to get higher social statues are because of the economic, education and

marriage. Here are the elaboration that is depicted in the story:

- **Economic**

The power of money are very influence people to behave because money have the some impacts in people such as bad or good impact. But usually people become bad after they have a lot of money. This things belong to the economic condition of people who have chance to change the social class. If they have a lot of money, they can change the position upper and vice versa. Money brings out the good or bad in which becomes an average of what kind of society we are live in.

Declan Gaffney & Ben Baumberg showed their study that Social mobility have looked at class and income (2012). Wyatt et al. stated that:

“Social equity has been challenged in recent years through increasing income inequality. The widening gap between the rich and the poor contributes to economic segregation among regions and neighbourhoods and has a direct impact on public service delivery (*JPAE 17(2)*).”

From the quotation above, it can be said that there are always the differentiations of the income in the society that make inequality on it. So this is the main factor that can make the stratification in society from lower to the upper class and also there is always gap among them. So money in society hold the important role in making the stratifications of the social class. This is called as the power of money as the factors that separated between poor and rich people in society.

“The man stretched out over the side of the boat until his arms and shoulders were in the river. When the boat moved on, something heavy followed in the water. The man’s right hand held something that he washed clean and then put in his pocket. It was money (Page 9, par. 4).”

This is the illustration that describe Lizzie’s father in this story. He was from lower class society who lived and got everything from the river. Basically human are created to have materialistic character who always need and love money. This is also happen to him. Actually the main purpose of him to look for fish but when he found a dead body that followed his boat, the first things that he did was grabbed money from the dead body pocket. It means that money is the vital thing and the main factor that can make him wants to get a lot of money so that he can get the higher class because of the money. Besides, he wants to survive from the poverty. So this poor economic condition is the main factor that influence somebody to get the higher position in society.

‘You have no proof,’ said Lightwood.

‘Haven’t I?’ cried Riderhood.’ But he told me he done it. Hexam told me himself. ‘I done it for his money. Don’t betray me.’ Those were his own words.’

‘Why didn’t you tell anyone this before?’ asked Eugene. ‘Why did you wait until a reward was offered?’

Riderhood turned suddenly like an angry dog.

‘I want to forget the trouble. Why shouldn’t I have the money? I want the reward. I tell you Hexam done it and I want him caught-tonight!’ (Page 26, par. 4)

This is the dialogue between the lawyer and Rogue Riderhood as Hexam’s friend. He accused Hexam who has killed John Harmon. In fact that Hexam is someone who found the dead body in the river. Lightwood as the lawyer who tried to investigate, asked Riderhood some information but he turn the fact out. But from what he said, the lawyer knowing that he just said by accusing someone because of the reward that was offered. If it is looked at the quotation, the reward here is in the form of money. Rogue came from the lower class and he was very materialistic because he would do everything because of money although this was an envy. So, this poor economic condition showed that this is the factor that caused somebody to get higher position in society. Truthfulness in society might be bought by the power of money as happen to him.

“Can I use this man? The Rogue asked himself. Can I use his hate to help me? The schoolmaster’ thoughts moved more slowly.

‘Would you take five shillings?’ he said at last.

‘Of course,’ said the Rogue (Page 68, par. 7).”

This is the dialogue between Rogue Riderhood and the schoolmaster who asking help to him by offered money as the reward. Rogue was a man who like money and will do everything to get money although in a bad way. The low economic condition here is also influence him to get money to improve his economic condition.

‘He came to this house,’ the stranger said. ‘It was the night of the Harmon Murder. I know that you have tried to blame that killing an innocent man. You did it for the reward, for money.’

‘They were only words, sailor. Hexam’s dead. Words can’t hurt a dead man.’

‘But those words can hurt his children. Hexam had a son and a daughter. For their sake, I’ll make you swear that Hexam was not the murderer.’

‘But what about the reward? Riderhood asked angrily. ‘Perhaps I changed the truth a little. But I want that reward (Page 53, par. 8 – page 54, par. 1, 2).’

This is the dialogue between John Rokesmith and Rogue Riderhood. Actually John Rokesmith is John Harmon. He would like to investigate him about Lizzie’s father. He knew that Rogue was the one who killed Lizzie’s father. From the dialogue it can be seen that Rogue is a materialist’s person. He was a liar but in the end he admitted that he would change the truth if there was a reward or money. From here knowing that the power of money can influence somebody to do everything moreover in bad things because by having money, everybody can improve their economic condition better.

When money is offered as the motivation, people will thinking less about the social aspect and will thinking about business value only. So this is clear to state that money can be a motivator when it comes to determining value.

‘‘As Headstone walked on, he began to make a plan. He would hated Wrayburn and would do anything for money (Page 70, par. 2)’’

Eugene Wrayburn was someone that Lizzie love so that the schoolmaster asked Rogue to kill him. The schoolmaster wants Wrayburn died so that he could marry with Lizzie. So it can be seen that he was wicked man. And Rogue delightfully to do this job to kill him because he also hated to Wrayburn. But the main factor that influence him to do the bad things in his life is the economic condition. By killing somebody, he would get money and money would be used to improve his economic condition.

- Education

Social class has significant impact on educational opportunities. When people have a lot of money, they can send their child to better school to get the best quality of education but if people who come from lower class who did not have a lot of money, they cannot send their child to a better school. Declan Gaffney & Ben Baumberg argued that:

‘‘Education is the engine of social mobility; it is the most important route through which individual low-income children can become high-earning adults. Poorer parents’ children do worse at school and those who do worse at

school have worse outcomes for the rest of their lives. Education is not the only important mechanism: if women enjoy a high rate of full-time employment, social mobility is likely to be increased (2012).’

Social class and education interplay at least in two aspects. First, higher education requires money and motivation. Second, the type and the level of education affect social grade levels. Education not only provide work skills, but also gave birth to mental changes, tastes, interests, goals, etiquette, how to speak a change in the overall way of life.

‘Your learning will take you away from the river and this terrible life. How I wish that I could read and write too! But father wouldn’t like it. Perhaps, one day, I can change him. I hate the river. It brings nothing but unhappiness.’ (Page 16, par. 8)

This is the quotation from Lizzie to her young brother, Charlie who asked him to get education and far away from the river in order to get the higher education and could change their life better. She was the one who wanted her family survive from the poverty and wanted to get higher class in society. Her father did not allowed his children to get education because it will need a lot of money to pay. But Lizzie have the big ambition to survive by paid her brother’s tuition to get education without knowing of her father. As it was known that living near of the river is darker because lack of lights in the night. Adding by the poverty condition which is hard to get lamp as their light. So, Lizzie felt bored with this condition but she could not reject to what her father said so that she asked Charlie to get education and wished him to change their life better.

‘‘Lizzie had saved a little money. She gave some of this to her brother.

‘You must leave here, Charley, ’she said. ‘I will stay here with father, but you must go away.’

‘Must?’ repeated Charley. ‘Do you want to get rid of me? Isn’t there enough food for the three of us?’

‘You know that’s not true, ‘said Lizzie. ‘You must go to a better school. They will teach you and help you to get a living. I’ll send you some more money when I can. Perhaps Mr. Lightwood will help a little.’ (Page 17, par. 1)’

From this quotation, Lizzie strongly asked her brother to get education although she had to spend a lot of money to pay it but she asked help too to Mr. Lightwood. Not only money or material things which can make everybody

change their social statuses, but also with education everybody can change their social statuses. Someone with higher education in society will be respected because society will think that he or she is intelligent so that society will not underestimate him or her. In this story, Charlie was come from lower class society so society in around will underestimate him if he would not go to school to get the education. But if he went to school, he would get more knowledge and become clever boy so that his life can change better and he also can place the middle or higher social class.

“Charley Hexam, away from his sister, away from the old life on the river, was working hard. He went first to a poor school, and, later, to a better one. He studied hard and soon became a pupil-teacher. (Page 33, par.1)”

Because of education, everybody can lift their life up. As happened to Charlie who studied hard and finally he become a teacher. From the unemployment in lower class society become higher class with the job as teacher in the city.

“He had worked hard to become a schoolmaster, learning facts like a machine. (Page 33, par. 2)”

This is another example of social mobility that is depicted in the story. Bradley Headstone is Charley's schoolmaster. Before he become the schoolmaster, he just a pupil teacher but he worked hard to lift his life up become the schoolmaster so that his life change better because the money that he got as schoolmaster is more bigger than as a teacher. Now he become richer. So this is the social mobility from the middle class to the higher class society.

- Marriage

Social class changing can be created by the marriage. If someone from lower social class married with the upper social class, their social position will change. It could in upper or lower. It is based on the culture itself.

In historical contexts marriage and partner selection was an important factor for socioeconomic attainment (Martin Dribe*, Björn Eriksson**, and Francesco Scalone***). Social hyper gamy (marrying someone with higher socioeconomic status) had a positive effect on attaining higher social status for both men and women.

By searching for a spouse with higher socioeconomic status women could improve their own status without being occupationally mobile or finding a better paying job. These marriage negotiations were some of the most taxing events and strains on a mother and father due to a family's heritage being at stake. Then came along another

problem. The idea of individualism, reason, and romantic sensibility began growing rapidly in the early part of the century leading to daughters wanting to choose their own husbands. For poor families, marriage was not so much a big deal. It was impossible to transfer poverty to one another or to lose any kind of societal status in the marriage, so men and women were free to choose who they wanted.

“Oh, why do we have to be poor, Pa? I might have been rich enough to take you away from here. Why did old Mr. Harmon have to make such a fool of me? (Page 19, par. 2)”

This is the quotation from Bella Wilfer who would marry to John Harmon but after she knew that he found drowned, she was unhappy because she failed become the rich woman. Actually they have never been met each other and John Harmon's dad was the one who asked his son to marry to her but he did not want to marry with the girl that he did not know before so that he made plan to change the position with someone. Then, there was a news that he found drowned in the river so she become unhappy and she expressed her feeling to her father that she hate become poor. It means that money is the main factor that influence Bella to get higher class in society. By married with John Harmon, her social statuses will lift up.

“And now I'll never be rich and we may all be murdered by that strange Mr. Rokesmith, Bella said with a laugh. (Page 19, par. 4)”

After there was a news about John Harmon's death, man came to her inn to rent a room for some days. Actually he was the real John Harmon who disguised himself as John Rokesmith who rent a room for some days in one purpose to looking for the information about Bella Wilfer, the girl who would be married by his father. But Bella was lack of respect to him. This is maybe because of John Harmon's death and she failed become rich. So she expressed her feeling to her dad by said that John Rokesmith would kill her but in fact that they did not know each other. Maybe this is her depressed expression when failed to get rich. It means that money is the main factor that influence her to get the higher class in society.

“Now John Harmon was dead, all his father's money went to the old servant, Noddy Boffin, who had helped in the business for so many years. Noddy Boffin was a broad, round-shouldered old fellow with bright grey eyes. He wore thick, heavy clothes and always carried a strong stick. He and his wife were simple and uneducated, but they were honest and kind people. (Page 19, par. 6)”

Another factor that influence somebody to get the higher class is the luckiness. As describing in the story, there is a couple who have the luckiness to change become the higher class in society. In the beginning, Noddy Boffin was come from the lower class society who worked as servant and he also uneducated person too but because of the luckiness that he got from his boss, he got all of his boss' inheritance. Besides, the loyalty is the other factor that influence somebody to get the higher class. Because Noddy have been worked for many years so that John Harmon's dad gave all of his money to him, not to his family.

'He . . . he asked me to be his wife, Charley. I told him I could not marry him.'

'What! You selfish, ungrateful girl! I have tried to raise myself by hard work and you drag me down. He's worth fifty of you.'

'Perhaps he is. But I don't like him, Charley. Sometimes he frightens me.' Looking at his sister's sad face, Charley spoke more quietly. 'Now, come, Liz, don't let's quarrel. Think how it would help me to have Mr Headstone as a brother in law. You could take a respectable place in society – away from the river, away from your poor friends. Think how well it would work out for the three of us.' (Page 51, par. 5)

Charley asked Lizzie to marry with his schoolmaster but she wouldn't accept it. In one side, he did it in order to get the better life in his family. He did it for money and prestige in society. But Lizzie would not marry with someone that she did not love. She would not marry because of money or prestige in society. Although by married with Mr. Headstone, she would get a respectable place in society with living in a city and away from the river and also away from the bad memories about her father's death.

'Here I am in this ugly, black dress, Pa, she said. 'I'm like a widow who has never been married. I was going to be rich and now I have nothing. No husband, no money. It was bad enough to be told to marry a stranger. But it's worse, much worse, when the man gets himself drowned! (Page 18, par. 2)''

Bella is the girl who have not married yet but she said as if that she is s widow. This is the deeper expression from her after losing the rich man and also his money. He failed to marry with him because he was found drowned.

'Bella cried that night when she was alone. First she cried about old John Harmon's will,

and then she cried because his son had not lived to marry her. (Page 44, par. 11)''

She was sad because she did not get anything. The first, she did not get a rich husband and then she did not get money too.

'...But if you married me, you could draw me to good. I would give you all you needed. You would be proud of my work...' said Bradley to Lizzie. (Page 49, par. 6)

This is the quotation from the schoolmaster's offered to Lizzie after he stated his feeling that he would her as his wife. He is in the high social statues who have high education and also a lot of money, so that the things that he offered to propose the girl was his social statues and money. If she would marry with him, she became rich and away from the poverty and also she would proud of his pride in the society.

Lifestyle transformation from social mobility

The basic class of social class are lower class, middle class and upper class. The upper class is generally contained the rich man with a lot of money and hold the great political power. The middle class are not too rich and are not too poor. The lower class is usually identically with the working class with low income.

'Mrs Boffin and I are moving into a bigger house. Mrs Boffin wants to go into society. And she wants to go in for Fashion in a big way!' said Mr Boffin to that strange man. (Page 20, par. 9)''

This the example of social mobility that is depicted in the story. Actually this story part is belong to the main conflict. Mr. Boffin is a loyal servant from lower class society but because of his loyalty to John Harmon's dad, he got all of his inheritance. Actually all of his inheritance belong to John Harmon if he would marry to Bella Wilfer but he was found drowned so that is why it is belong to his loyal servant. From the lower class society, his social statues change become the higher class in society. That's why in the quotation he said that he and his wife would move into a bigger house which is his boss' house and if he becomes rich people, he has to come into society with fashion in a big ways because he has a lot of money. He can buy dress in a big ways with his money now.

'We are going to live in a grand, new house. We'll go everywhere and see everything. You mustn't dislike us because of the money, my dear.' (Page 21, par. 4)

After he got inheritance, his life changes better with living in a grand house and he and his wife can go everywhere and see everything. This is the quotation when he asked Bella to live with them in a grand house. He said the good things in order to ask her to live with them. And it can be seen from what he said that he said that she would like them because they have a lot of money.

“Mr and Mrs Boffin had moved into their grand, new house. Its many large rooms were full of the finest furniture. Mrs Boffin was dressed in the height of fashion. These two good people now had many servants. An excellent cook had just made them a delicious meal. (Page 30, par. 1)”

It can be seen from the explanation from the story that they live in a grand. From the servant become boss. Now they live in new house with many large rooms were full of furniture. It means that this house is very big because it consists of many large rooms and adding by the finest furniture. His wife wearing the dress in the height fashion means that it will spend a lot of money to buy it. Moreover, they have many servants. As we know that rent one servant will spend a lot of money but they did not mind about it because they were rich so that they can pay many servants with their money. Then, an excellent cooking always serve.

“Mr Boffin, wearing a green velvet jacket, was sitting at a desk, looking sadly at a pile of papers: invitations, bills for everything and letters from all of kind's people – most of them asking for money. (Page 30, par 2)”

This is the main problem that was faced by Noddy Boffin as the new rich man, everybody sent him letters to ask his money. This is the problem after he occurred the social mobility from the lower class to the upper class. Actually he was not educated so that he could not manage all of his inheritance so that he felt sad and worried if everybody asked his money and his money will lost.

“And so Miss Bella Wilfer went to live in the house of the Golden Dustman. She wore the finest, most fashionable clothes, and she grew more beautiful every day. She went with Mr and Mrs Boffin into the very best society. The very best society admired Miss Wilfer, and Miss Wilfer knew it. She became, perhaps, a little more proud, a little more spoilt. She certainly became very interested in money and in all the pretty things she could buy with it. If she thought about her old home and her family, she never talked about them (Page 32, par. 4).”

Bella Wilfer achieved the social mobility from the lower class become the higher class because she was asked by

Boffin to live with them in a grand house. She becomes their daughter who lived in a grand and very different with her live before. Now she wear the finest and the most fashionable clothes because she can buy everything with their new parents' money. But money has changed her become greedy and forget to her family in her old home so that she never talks about it.

“Noddy Boffin, the Golden Dustman, was a happy with his new life and his grand house as he would ever be. Mrs. Boffin took him into the best society and dressed herself in the latest fashions. Society accepted the Boffin's because they were rich. (Page 42, par. 1)”

Mostly society will accept somebody if they have money and rich. This is occurred to Boffin that society accepted them because they were rich. This is different with the condition before Boffin become rich and he was still become servant that society still accepted well because he was a kind person but not too close like now because now people want to be closer to him just because of money.

“The old man walked slowly home, thinking about the troubles that the money might bring to his wife and himself. (Page 20, par. 2)”

This quotation showed that money does not always make happy in life. It can be opposite things that money can make somebody become confused and worried about it. As happened to Noddy Boffin who have just got a lot of money from inheritance, he walked home not happily but he was so worried about what would happen if he and his wife have a lot of money. He thought that the bad things might be happen to them.

‘Perhaps we shall need a secretary, Noddy dear,’ she said. ‘We'll be living in a grand house and someone must take care of the bills...’ (Page 20, par. 11)

Because of money, somebody become worried about their life. They tend to think about how they could save their money and how they faced the troubles might be happen. So that Noddy Boffin need a secretary who can manage his money by noticing every single things that might be spent by his money.

‘You were talking about my salary, sir.’

‘I hope you are not too proud to talk about money, Rokesmith. A poor man cannot be proud. Sit down. Why didn't you sit down before, by the way? I hope that wasn't pride.’

‘No, Sir.’

‘Now I think that two hundred pounds a year is enough for you. But what do I buy for that price? I buy a secretary and I buy all his time.’

You've been going out too much.' (Page 60, par. 3)

This is the example from the story about the effect from the social mobility that is occurred to Boffin. When he was poor, everybody knowing that he was kind and gorgeous but after he became rich, he changed become greedy and unkind to his secretary who has helped him well to manage all of his money.

'How dare you, sir,' Mr Boffin went on. 'How dare you talk to this lady about your feelings? You are a servant in this house and this lady is far above you. This lady will marry a man with money. Have you money? I know you haven't.'

'Oh, Mrs. Boffin, please help me,' said Bella quietly.

'Mrs. Boffin, you keep quiet,' her husband told her. 'I'll talk to this young man. Now sir, you were rude and forget that you were a servant in this house. And Miss Wilfer told you so.' (Page 72, par. 1)

Boffin become cruel and greedy after he have everything. He always see everything from the money, including about love. Rokesmith stated his feeling to Bella that he love her but she rejected. And Boffin strongly rejected too by mocking him that he was just a servant in his house and Bella have the higher social statues than him.

'... I know why you spoke to Miss Wilfer, sir. It was money, only money. Now remember, you came to me, a poor man, asked to be my secretary. I took you out of the street to work for me. Then you got to know that this young lady will have money when she married...' (Page 72, par. 4)

This is the quotation from Noddy Boffin as the rich man who always underestimate people below him. At first, he just a servant but because of his luckiness, he got inheritance from his boss but his attitude was very different. When he became a rich man, he did everything as he wanted like stated in the quotation that he accused John Rokesmith, his secretary that he just loved Bella because of money. In fact that he loved her so much since Bella still living in a poor condition. So the bad effect from the social mobility can be seen from this.

'Now old lady, we mustn't be soft hearted,' Mr. Boffin told his wife. 'And you, Bella, must remember that money makes money. The more money I save, the more you shall have.' (Page 61, par. 9)

Besides that, he became very greedy with the money. It might be caused by the condition. When he was a servant, he have to work hard to gain money but when he became a rich man, he mustn't have to work hard because there were a lot of money which would not loss if he did not work hard. It means that the social mobility from lower class or from servant to boss, makes him becomes do everything as he wants and greedy. He would not satisfied with the amount of his money now and he has a great ambition to add the amount of his wealth.

'Love Miss Wilfer? Love Money!' said Mr Boffin. (Page 72, par. 14)

He is always thinking about money and afraid if his money is lacked. He took Bella Wilfer from the lower class as his daughter. So that he wants she married to the rich man in order to add his wealth. If she married with John Rokesmith, his secretary with low paying, she would not became rich and also Noddy Boffin did not add his wealth. So that he said like the quotation above to John Rokesmith because he did not agree if Bella married with him.

'This young lady will marry money, only money, and she knows it.' (Page 73, par. 4)

Bella's step father just wanted that she married with the rich man. He did not think about love but he just thinks about money which will add his wealth. So that he such kind of a crazy man with saying that Bella will marry money, not marry the man whom she loved.

'When I came here, I loved and respected you. But your money has changed you. I used to love money, but now I hate it, and I hate you too (Page 73, par. 10).'

As Bella Wilfer said in that quotation above that he has been conscious from her greediness on money. After she got the social mobility in her life from lower class to the upper class, she become very greedy with the money. The power of money has blind her heart till she puts money first than love. But after she looked at her step father who also very greedy till he did everything as he wanted, she felt uncomfortable. She could not respect him again.

'You mustn't expect to get any money from me, if you leave like this. No, Bella, not a penny.' (Page 75, par. 6)

Although Bella has been conscious her bad attitude and would leave his house and his grand, he let her go without giving money. This is showed that he has no heart. Although he is not her birth parent, he should not do the bad things like that.

'Mr Boffin, wearing a green velvet jacket, was sitting at a desk, looking sadly at a pile of papers: invitations, bills for everything and

letters from all of kind's people – most of them asking for money. (Page 30, par 2)

Rich people who have a lot of money did not guarantee the happiness. This is happen to Noddy as the new rich man. He got a lot of bills and letters from people who asked his money and this is made him very sad because he was afraid if his money would lack.

“And so Miss Bella Wilfer went to live in the house of the Golden Dustman. She wore the finest, most fashionable clothes, and she grew more beautiful every day. She went with Mr and Mrs Boffin into the very best society. The very best society admired Miss Wilfer, and Miss Wilfer knew it. She became, perhaps, a little more proud, a little more spoilt. She certainly became very interested in money and in all the pretty things she could buy with it. If she thought about her old home and her family, she never talked about them (Page 32, par. 4).”

This is showed the social mobility from Bella Wilfer. When she have movement of social class from lower to upper, everything was changed. She always wear the finest clothes with the expensive price because she have to come into the best society. And this is as she wanted that she has the ambition become the rich person.

Bella felt unhappy and ashamed. She knew that she did not visit her family as often as she ought to. (Page 43, par. 1)

She admitted that the power of money has changed her. She has blinded by the money. She was forgot to her family and never visited them as often as she ought to. This is because of the greediness to the money.

When Bella was in the carriage, she looked inside the pretty little purse. There was a banknote for fifty pounds.

“Now Mr Rokesmith will see that I don't always think of myself,” Bella thought. “This is going to be a surprise for my dear Pa. I'll go straight to his office now.” (Page 43, par. 10)

After Bella become rich because she lives in a grand with her step father, she has forgotten to her family. John Rokesmith is the one who always remembered her that she forget his dad in poor condition because of her grand living.

She handed him her purse and made him buy a new suit, a new hat and boots of the very best leather. Bella walked round her father proudly. “You look a new man, Pa,” she told him.

“To tell you the truth, my dear, I don't feel like myself at all. I have never had enough money before to buy everything new at the same time.” (Page 44, par. 3)

This is showed that money can buy everything. In poor condition, his dad cannot buy things in the same time because he just buys things if he has money and if it is much needed. But Bella buy many things for him in the same time because she has a lot of money from her step dad.

“All I know, Pa, is that the Boffins give me the best of everything. But the best of everything may not be the best for me! Oh, Pa, I can think of nothing but money. I am so greedy for all the things it can buy. And as I can't beg, borrow or steal money, I have made up my mind to marry someone with money (Page 44, par. 8).”

This is her admission that money have influence the bad things in her life. Although her step father have giving her the best things in her life, it would not make her happy at all because she becomes greedy and she just thinking about money. It means that money do not guarantee the happiness in life.

“My dear Bella. I want you to be happy. Put love and happiness first.” Mr Wilfer had not married for money, but his marriage had not been at all happy.

“You see, Pa, I do hate being poor,” Bella went on. “We can't talk of love. Money must come first.” But as she spoke, Bella took the rest of the money from her purse and put it into her father's hand. (Page 44, par. 9)

Bella's dad suggest her to marry with man that she really love not with the rich man who did not really she loved. But she rejected his suggestion with saying that she hated being poor so that she will marry with rich man although she did not love him. Money is always on her thinking. This is the main factors that make her become very ambitious to change her life better. But if someone have the great ambition to be rich, it would not be good because the ambition can change become the greediness.

“Your lovely woman is not improved, Pa,” said Bella told her father one day. “Indeed I am worse. I can think of nothing but money. I can't keep the greed for money out of my eyes! (Page 59, par. 2)”

After Bella got the social mobility from lower to upper class, she admitted that she did not have improvisation in her life. It is true that her life changes better because of

the wealthiest but this is not true with her attitude. She could not control herself because of money.

“And Number three?” Mr Wilfer asked, not knowing what the last secret might be.

“About Number Three, I may be wrong. Indeed I hope so. I try hard not to believe it, but I think that Mr Boffin’s money is changing him. He is always kind to me, of course, but to others he is becoming hard and cruel. How terrible the power of money is, Pa! I know it, because I know its power over me. Money is always in my thoughts. Everything comes back to money and what it can do. (Page 59, par. 7)”

This is the dialogue between Bella and her dad about the changing in Noddy because of the power of money who have controlled him. And this is influence Bella too. She admitted that she loves money too much.

‘I’ve let that fellow do what he likes,’ Mr Boffin said. ‘But he’s a servant and must behave like one.’

‘Noddy,’ said Mrs Boffin slowly, ‘don’t you think you are rather hard on Mr Rokesmith?’

You were always so kind to other people.’

‘I’ve changed, old lady. We’ve got to make changes. Everyone wants our money and we must be careful.’ (Page 60, par. 10)

He admitted that he was changed because of the money that he had. When his wife said that he did not as good as when he was in poor condition. Money has changed somebody become badly as he did. When he was in lower class, he was very kind to other people but when he becomes the upper class who have the highest position in society, he becomes greedy and unkind to other people.

‘You know that money’s the only thing, my dear. Make money out of good looks, marry money – that’s the way! Now give me a kiss, my child, and say goodnight. And don’t forget, your pretty face is worth money.’

These words made Bella very unhappy and the changes in Mr Boffin made her unhappy too. . . . His smile became cunning and hard. (Page 60, par. 14)

This is showing how greedy he was. By the description from the text that his smile became cunning and hard. It makes Bella becomes afraid to his bad attitude. Moreover, he asked Bella to Marry with money. Money here implies that she must married with a rich man.

‘Rokesmith,’ said Mr Boffin on another evening.’ I am spending too much money. Or rather you are spending too much for me.’

‘You are rich, sir.’

‘No, I’m not rich. I tell you I’m not rich.’

‘You are not rich, sir?’ said the secretary in surprise.

‘I have money,’ Mr Boffin replied, ‘but I’m spending it too quickly. You wouldn’t like it if the money was yours.’ (Page 61, par. 1)

This the dialogue between Noddy Boffin as the boss and John Rokesmith as his secretary that showed how greedy of Noddy is and he was not thankful for everything he has. He was a rich man who have a lot of money without hard working because he got inheritance from his boss in the pass. But after he have the social mobility from lower to upper class, he did not thankful to God because of his wealthiest.

CONCLUSION

Society consists of group of people who have a lot of differentiations. People with their similarities tend to gather to make a group. So from this differentiation and similarities in society, this condition will make social class. In example, people with lower income will tend to gather or grouping with people who have similarities with them and people with high income will tend to grouping with people who have similarities with them too. In fact that rich people will not gather with poor people because there is stratification among them. This condition will make a gap between them.

Basically society consists of three basic classes. They are upper class, middle class and lower class. Each of them have the different characteristics.

Gap among the social class can be broken by some attainments. As depicted in the novel that to attain their position into the higher position, people have to work hard to reach their best position in society. So it will make the social mobility on society. In other word, it is the changing or the moving of the social class that is caused by some factors such as economic condition, education and marriage.

From three factors above, some characters in the novel by Charles Dickens’ *Our Mutual Friend*, got the social mobility. Not only the main characters, but also almost all of the characters in the novel got the social mobility.

So, it can be conclude from this study that social mobility can happen in every places and every time. This

is happened because of some factors. As depicted in the story from the novel showed that some characters, including the main character got the social mobility. The factors of social mobility can influence their way to get higher position in society.

If it is looked from the analysis above, the economic condition have the form of motivation for people who want to achieve the social mobility. The money as the motivation is offered as the reward. So everybody will do everything if the money is offered as the reward. From some analysis above, the characters who achieved the social mobility by the education factor are Charley Hexam, Bradley and Lizzie Hexam. But mostly this is happened to Charley. He was the one who was smart to get education to achieve his ambition. And he was the one who could survive from poor condition in lower class till he have the important role in society. Married is one easy way to attain the social statues. By marrying, the social statues can be lifted without any struggle like doing in education factors.

From the social mobility that happens in society, there is always impacts. Like depicted in this study that the impacts here is in lifestyle. Social mobility not only occurred from lower to upper but also from upper to lower. So from this condition, people who got the social mobility always have the changing of the lifestyle. When they life in poor condition, they usually wear the messy and dirty clothes but when they lifted their life up become the upper class, they will wear the best and fashionable clothes. There are many kinds of changing in lifestyle such as in household things, non-verbal communication, appetite, place for vacation and rank or degree.

When everybody can achieve the social mobility, their lifestyle will change. From some illustrations above, the characters who have changing their lifestyle after they got the social mobility are Bella Wilfer and Noddy Boffin. Both of them are people who came from lower class society and achieve their social mobility became the higher class in society. Their lifestyle changed such as dress, appetite and they went to the best society too. But the bad impact for them are they had the bad behaviour such as become stingy and very love money and want marry with money too.

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