1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is the mirror of human life that portrays the human feeling, thought, imagination, and perception. It can be viewed based on personal judgment. Literature helps us grow, both personally and intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding. Robert (1987:1) says, “Literature refers to compositions that tell the stories, dramatize situations, expresses emotions, and analyze and advocate ideas.” This statement shows that literature as a reflection of life. Literature contents the emotional expression such as, felling of sad, happy, disappointed, jealous, and so on. In the story the emotional expression is found like happy because falling in love, sad because loosing a job, disappointed because leaved a honey.

Literature may be classified into four categories or genres: Prose fiction, poetry, drama and nonfiction prose. Originally, fiction meant anything made up, crafted, or shaped. Fiction includes myths, parables, romances, novels, and short stories. Wellek & Warren (1989:282) say, “The novel is a picture of real life and manners, and of the time in which is written. The romance, in lofty and elevated language, describes what never happened nor is likely to happen.” It means that a novel is realistic, while the romance is poetic or epic. Novel is growing from the forms of narrative nonfiction; letters, journals, memoirs or biographies, chronicles or history. In other word the developing novel from the documents.
In the novel The Choice, the writer is interested to analyze the two main characters. Robert and Henry (1987:131) say, “In fiction, a character may be defined as a verbal representation of a human being. Through action, speech, description, and commentary, authors portray characters who are worth caring about, rooting for, and even loving, although there are also characters you may laugh at, dislike, or even hate.”

In writing this paper, the writer is interested to discuss novel entitled “The Choice” by Nicholas Sparks one of his best seller. This novel tells the story of true love and romance story. The writer chooses this topic because this novel has a plot lightweight and straightforward, so this novel is easy to understand and to read when relaxing by the readers. Besides that, the author of this novel is a very famous author and he has made a lot of novel into a film. That is why the writer is interested in writing this paper.

1.2 Problem of the Study

The problems in this paper are:

1) There are some people do not know how the true love which described in the novel.

2) To describe the characteristic of the main characters.

1.3 Scope of the Study

In this paper the writer have limited the discussion in analyze into the meaning of true love which described through the characters in the novel.
1.4 Significance of the Study

This paper had the main significances. Firstly, I hope from this paper will give to the readers about the two main character in the novel “The Choice” and also the intrinsic elements. Secondly, I hope this paper will increase the knowledge about theory of the English Literature. Thirdly, To fulfill the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Diploma III of English study program in University of North Sumatera.

1.5 Method of the Study

In doing this paper, the writer is using the Library method and Intrinsic Approach. Library method based on finding resources from the books in the library FIB USU. It means collect data based on the novel then select the appropriate information and take the conclusion. Intrinsic Approach is the method that analyze from the including in the content of the literary work. Besides, I browsed some information from the internet and read more the books. I hope this method will be helpful in getting the knowledge that supported in writing this paper.