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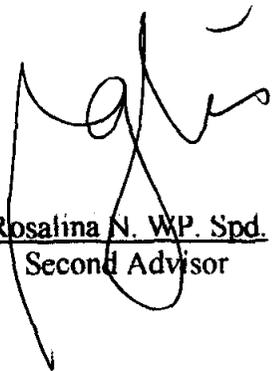
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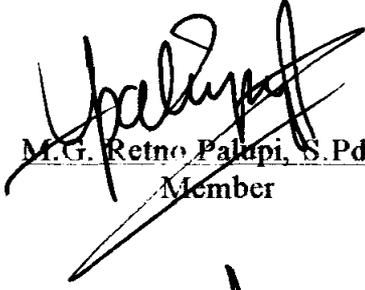
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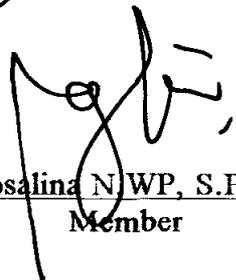
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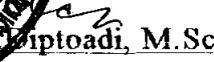
  
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## ABSTRACT

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Literature means everything that has been written. It also means something to read. People read literature for a variety of reasons. Often, they read literature for information and knowledge. They can find pleasure in learning about life. They can also find possible solutions to their problems especially when they meet people in books whose problems are like their own. Through literature, people sometimes understand situations they could not otherwise understand in real life. Thus, concerning the importance of literature, the writer would like to conduct a study about a kind of literary works, that is novel.

The novel that is going to be discussed is *Gulliver's Travels* written by Jonathan Swift. The writer would like to choose the novel by considering that it is famous as a satire. It is popular among those who are satirized, that is the politicians, scientists, historians, and Englishmen in general.

The writer in studying the novel would like to find out the satirical attacks that can be found in it. Besides, she would like show the readers about the author's feeling of his country and his opinion about his country.

The study will be conducted by making a library research which means that the writer will collect some data taken from some reference books of several libraries. Another research that will be used by the writer is literary research. It will be used because the whole discussion of her thesis will concern literature. In analysing the data, the writer would like to use analytical method which indicates that she will apply the data according to the term she would like to use for the whole analysis.

The way that the writer will analyze the satirical attacks that can be found in the novel is first explaining what satirical attacks that can be found in the story and then linking the satirical attacks with the

related story in the novel. The next phase is putting the evidences in the novel which describe the satirical attacks and commenting on the evidences.

After analysing the satirical attacks that can be found in the novel, the writer would like to make a conclusion that the satirical attacks in the novel vary. Jonathan Swift in the novel satirically attacks politicians, religious war, political system, government, customs, laws, education which leads to modern destruction, men's pride in reason and science, tyranny, men's intellect, history, experience, men's desire to live longer, and men in general.

Finally, the writer would like to make the result of the study encourage the readers to look deeper into every aspect of human's life, to appreciate literature better and to develop their ability in studying literature.