

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

Based on this research, Mrs. Arbuthnot struggles to keep her son (Gerald) from Gerald's father who keeps coming and demanding that Gerald live and work with him. She doesn't want Gerald to be taken by Lord Illingworth, who is never responsible to Mrs Arbuthnot from the time she was pregnant until she gave birth. Mrs. Arbuthnot always rejects all Lord Illingworth's offer because she feels disappointment over Lord Illingworth who has ruined her life.

It is also found that Mrs. Arbuthnot has to struggle really hard to keep Gerald remain with her because Gerald's dad (Lord Illingworth) does not easily give up and is really persistent. He makes a lot of efforts, for example : persuading Gerald with a great job offer; and when it does not work; asking Mrs. Arbuthnot's hand for a marriage. In all these, she also has to convince her beloved son who starts to get tempted by his father's offer and begins to blame Mrs. Arbuthnot for everything.

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APPENDIX I
BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Oscar Wilde is a novelist, playwright, poet and short story writer. Known for his witty sense of humor, he was one of the most successful playwrights of the late Victorian Era in London. *A Woman of No Importance* by Oscar Wilde is "a new and original play of modern life", in four acts, first given on 19 April 1893 at the Haymarket Theatre, London. There are other Oscar Wilde plays, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Salome*, etc.
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Woman_of_No_Importance).

APPENDIX II

SUMMARY

This drama tells the story of Mrs. Arbuthnot who struggles to take care of her child who is the result of being pregnant out of wedlock with someone in her past. Mrs. Arbuthnot realizes that Lord Illingworth is someone she knows from her past. When they meet, Lord Illingworth finds out that Gerald is his son with Mrs. Arbuthnot. The two discuss their past and how Lord Illingworth broke his promise to marry Mrs. Arbuthnot even after she becomes pregnant. Lord Illingworth insists on having Gerald as his secretary and living with him. Mrs. Arbuthnot insists that she turns down Lord Illingworth's offer. In the final act of the play, Gerald reveals to Mrs. Arbuthnot that he is writing to Lord Illingworth demanding that he marry her. Mrs. Arbuthnot is very much against it and tries to explain to her son how it would go against everything she stands for and everything she has experienced throughout her life. Then Lord Illingworth comes, demanding to remain a part of his son's life. But Mrs. Arbuthnot continues to resist and fights to keep Gerald.