

**LETTER OF FRATERNITY GRANTED BY THE FRIARS
MINOR.**

NUMEROUS letters of fraternity granted by the Benedictine monks of Durham have been printed by the Surtees Society, and an interesting list of the recipients is given by Dr. Raine in the Durham Obituary Rolls published by the same body. A letter from the Friars Minor of Hartlepool under special circumstances is printed in 1 Sur., ii., 27. The following is the blank form of the Friars Minors, with an illuminated initial letter. The words in italics were filled in by a much inferior scribe after the date for which the form had been calculated.

The document has been submitted to the Society by Monsignor Eyre, and came from Sheffield. The Wormley family were of Hatfield, near Doncaster. (See Hunter's Doncaster, i. 175.)

In Christo sibi karissimis *Johannes [sic]* *Wormlay et Cecilia [sic]* consorti suæ, Frater Thomas Fratrum Minorum in Anglia provincialis minister et servus, salutem, et per oracionum suffragia, regna celestia promerer. Devotionem sinceram quam ad nostrum habetis ordinem ob Christi reverenciam ut accepi, diligencius attendens affectuoseque acceptans quo ad ea precipue quæ salutem continent animarum, quantum cum Deo valeo vobis vices cupio refundere salutares. Idcirco omnium missarum, oracionum, jejuniorum, asperitatum, vigiliarum, predicacionum, ceterorumque bonorum quæ per fratres sub mea cura constitutos misericorditer operari dignabitur clemencia Salvatoris, tam in vita quam post mortem, participacionem perpetuam vobis concedo per presentes: adjiciens nihilominus de gracia speciali ut cum obitus vestri memoria in nostro provinciali capitulo fuerit recitata, idem pro vobis fiat quo ad universa et singula quod pro fratribus et amicis ordinis nostri defunctis ibidem recomendatis fieri consuevit. Valete feliciter sub vexillo summi regis pauperis crucifixi et suæ matris dulcissimæ clamide virginali. Data in nostro provinciali capitulo [*in festo erased*] celebrato in festo *asumptionis virginis gloriosæ* Anno Domini, Millesimo cccc.lx° [*v° erased*] ix°.