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HENRY BIRKS SILVER COLLECTION

ON DISPLAY AT UNIVERSITY

A portion of the private silver collection of Henry G. Birks, president of Henry Birks and. Sons Limited, is on display until September 30 in the library of Waterloo Lutheran University.

Mr. Birks has chosen more than 30 pieces of antique silver which, with the exception of a finely wrought rosary case, have all been fashioned by Quebec silversmiths.

These craftsmen were prominent in the 18th and 19th centuries and include such names as Paul Morand, Laurent Amiot, Salomon Marion, Robert Cruickshank, Francois Delegrave, Francois Sasseville and others.

Included in the collection are a processional cross, a monstrance, sanctuary lamp, censers, ciboriums, chalices and patens, burettes, and several crosses, some quite ornate.

Also included, and of special interest because of its rarety, is a King James version of the Bible with a silver crucifix on the cover.

The display is on view in the library Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Most of the items are in the display area provided through a donation from the Birks Family Foundation.