

On the front of the exhibit:-

SECOND / HAND
SHOES / BOUGHT
AND / [SOLD]

[The word SOLD is deduced from the appearance of the top edges of the letters SOL - which survive, the remainder of the board being broken away; and from the usual form of eighteenth and nineteenth-century showboards advertising the buying and selling of secondhand goods]

On the reverse of the exhibit:-

Part of the Shew-board of Mr (now the Revd. Dr) Carey: written by himself when a Shoemaker at Hackleton in Northamptonshire.

The little Shop against which it was placed, has been taken down, and a small house is now built on the spot << opposite the New Inn. # >>

N.B. This board was preserved by << William Manning >> Mr Carey's Shop-mate, till his death: out of respect for Dr Carey. It was procured from his widow, August 22, 1815, by Joseph Ivimey of London.

<< # This was the place that the Rev Thomas Scott designated "Dr Carey's College" >>

The nail is the same as the Doctor used to fix his thread to, while sitting on his seat, and teaching the children in an evening School. It was taken out of the window of <the> a room of a house at Piddington near Hackleton <in Leicestershire>

< > word(s) crossed out

<< >> added in a later hand

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