

INTRODUCTION.

common fund. This the Apostles did in their conference; they brought together into a common fund what each thought. And it [the Creed] is called an index or watchword, because at that time, as the Apostle Paul tells us, 1 Cor. c. 11, and [as we are told] in the *Acts of the Apostles*, c. 15, there were many Jews who pretended that they were apostles of Christ, and went about for the sake of gain, or of making a living, naming indeed the name of Christ, but not preaching Him after the full lines of the tradition. Therefore the Apostles fixed upon this index, whereby might be recognized the man who reached Christ in truth according to the Apostolic rule."—*Comm. in Symb. Apost.* n. 2.

II.

CONFUSION OF:
IDEAS.
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"As early as the time when the commentary ascribed to Rufinus was composed," writes Swainson¹ "doubts had arisen amongst Latin writers as to the origin of this designation: confusion

¹ *The Nicene and Apostles' Creeds*, p. 172.