

## INTRODUCTION.

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From immemorial time the Apostles' Creed has gone by the name of the Symbol, or the Symbol of the Apostles. This word is from the Greek *σύμβολον*, "token," in military language, "watchword," in commercial parlance, "bargain" or "agreement." It is made up of *βάλλω* and *σύν*, whence *συμβάλλω*, "I throw or put together." The root-meaning of the word is, therefore, a putting together, a putting this and that together, and the thing so put together. Rufinus (A.D. 390 or 400) held that the Apostles themselves gave the Creed this name of Symbol. He tells us that there were "good reasons and sound" why they should so name it. "For, in Greek, the word *symbol* may mean both a sign and a collation—a collation being what many bring together into a

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