Term: Symbol  

Quote: Signs are of three kinds,  

1st, the *icon*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it would equally possess did the object and the interpreting mind not exist;  

2nd, the *index*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it could not possess did the object not exist, but which it would equally possess did the interpreting mind not operate;  

3rd, the *symbol*, which represents its object by virtue of a character which is conferred upon it by an operation of the mind.  

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A *symbol* is a sign which represents an object by virtue of having a character imputed to it by an operation of the interpreting mind.  


References: MS [R] 142:4-6  

Date of Quote: 1899-1900 [c.]  

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