

## Final List

Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the names on the Final List, which was as follows -

NOMINEE - **BABBAGE**, Rev Stuart Barton, M.A., D.D., Professor of Practical Apologetics and Church History at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

Mover - Rev C. M. Gilhespy, Seconder - Mr O. S. Dixon

NOMINEE - **LOANE**, Right Rev Marcus Lawrence, M.A., D.D., Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney.

Movers	Seconders
1. Rt Rev F. O. Hulme-Moir	Mr Justice A. R. Richardson
2. Ven H. G. S. Begbie	Mr N. W. Moin
3. Mr Stacy Atkin	Right Rev A. J. Dain
4. Canon D. W. B. Robinson	Dr G. W. Hastings
5. Canon J. R. L. Johnstone	Canon S. G. Stewart
6. Rev J. A. Dahl	Mr S. A. Horton
7. Rev A. W. Prescott	Rev W. Osborne-Brown
8. Canon B. H. Williams	Rev J. B. Burgess
9. Rev W. A. Watts	Rev A. H. Funnell
10. Canon W. K. Deasey	Mr G. Walker
11. Dr A. M. Bryson	Mr E. S. Newman
12. Rev P. R. Watson	Rev J. T. Griffiths
13. Dr N. F. Babbage	Dr N. D. Campbell
14. Canon A. W. Morton	Mr A. E. J. Pont
15. Rev J. J. Turner	Rev S. A. Horton
16. Rev Wm Ostling	Mr W. R. Bailey
17. Mr K. R. Utz	Ven R. G. Fillingham
18. Mr E. A. Judge	Mr H. M. Knight

NOMINEE - **MORRIS**, Rev Canon Leon Lamb, B.Sc., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D., Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne.

Mover - Rev D. G. Livingstone, Seconder - Rev A. W. Setchell

Rev C. M. Gilhespy and Mr O. S. Dixon seconded that Rev Dr S. Barton Babbage be given number one preference in the voting for Archbishop of Sydney.

Mr Stacy Atkin proposed and Right Rev A. J. Dain seconded that Right Rev M. L. Loane be given number one preference in the voting for Archbishop of Sydney.

Rev D. G. Livingstone proposed and Rev A. W. Setchell seconded that Rev Canon L. L. Morris be given number one preference in the voting for Archbishop of Sydney.

Synod then discussed the respective merits of appointing each of the three nominees who were supported and/or opposed by many speakers.

After long discussion it was agreed "that the question be now put," and the three nominators (Rev C. M. Gilhespy, Mr Stacy Atkin and Rev D. G. Livingstone) exercised their right of reply.

At 11.00 pm the Right Rev the Acting President in accordance with the earlier resolution led in a time of prayer.

Details relating to the ballot were explained and questions answered.

The Ballot commenced at 11.20 pm and it was declared closed at 11.40 pm.

(Voting was by secret and preferential ballot, voters being required to vote 1, 2 and 3 in order of preference).

The poll was declared at 12.10 am on Thursday 21 July 1966.

The Right Rev the Acting President declared that the Right Rev. Marcus Lawrence Loane, M.A., D.D., Th.D., Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney, had been elected (on the first count) to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney.

The report of the Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officer gave the following information -

Ballot Papers and Votes	Clergymen	Laymen	Total
Ballot Papers Issued	234	366	600
Ballot Papers not returned	-	-	-
	234	366	600
Informal Votes	-	-	-
Total Valid Votes	234	366	600
Details of Voting (1st Preferences)			
	Clergymen	Laymen	Total
Right Rev M. L. LOANE	162	232	394
Rev Dr S. BARTON BABBAGE	58	98	156
Rev Canon L. L. MORRIS	14	36	50
	234	366	600

The announcement was greeted with prolonged applause.

On the motion of Right Rev A. J. Dain, seconded by Rev C. M. Gilhespy (leave having been given), the following resolution was passed unanimously by the Synod -

"That this Synod, on behalf of the whole Diocese of Sydney, unanimously invites the Right Rev Marcus Lawrence Loane to accept the appointment of Archbishop of the See of Sydney; it assures him of its entire goodwill and enthusiastic loyal co-operation in the tremendous task to which he has been called, and it further assures him and his wife of its prayerful good wishes and support in the days ahead."

A message informing him of his election was sent to the Right Rev. M. L. Loane (in Diocesan Church House), and he returned to the House amidst a prolonged standing ovation.

The Right Rev F. O. Hulme-Moir, Acting President, advised the Right Rev. M. L. Loane of his election as the person chosen to be Archbishop of Sydney, and further informed him of the passing of the motion of unanimous invitation to accept the appointment, and asked on behalf of all that he should indicate his acceptance.

Bishop Loane spoke in high appreciation of the goodwill and confidence of Synod members and said -

"It would have been unreal for me not to recognise that this Synod might result in my election to succeed Archbishop Gough. Many members of Synod may well feel that I am very inadequate for this high office: they can hardly believe it more firmly than I do myself. I cannot entertain the prospect of such great responsibility without a sense of trembling apprehension. At the same time, I want to thank members of Synod with the utmost sincerity for their confidence and goodwill. I am deeply conscious of the honour that falls to me in that I am the first Australian to have been elected as Archbishop of this Diocese. It is beyond all that I could have dreamt of when I was ordained thirty-one years ago. The lines of a hymn have, been running through my mind -

'God holds the key of all unknown,  
.....And I am glad.  
If other hands should hold the key,  
Or if He trusted it to me,  
.....I might be sad.'

In acknowledging my election and in accepting this appointment I would wish to pledge myself, by the grace of God, to the limit of my strength and ability, to serve the Church in this Diocese, and beyond with a steady desire for the glory of God. And I would ask you to join with me in that dedication so that together we may seek only to please Him. And may He bless us all."

The Synod sang the Doxology.

Synod adjourned sine die at 12.40 am on Thursday 21 July 1966.