

Special Session of the 31st Synod of the Diocese of Sydney for the Purpose of Filling the Vacancy in the See of Sydney

Election of Archbishop Gough

24 November – 29 November 1958

The Synod Service was held in the Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Sydney, at 3 pm on Monday 24 November 1958 with a service of Holy Communion at which the preacher was Bishop W G Hillard, Administrator of the Diocese.

Following the Service in the Cathedral, the Synod assembled in the Chapter House, Bathurst Street, Sydney at 4.30 pm on Monday 24 November 1958, under the Presidency of Bishop W G Hillard, MA, ThD, Bishop, Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney. Synod held afternoon and evening sessions on Monday 24 November 1958, and thereafter held sessions each evening from Tuesday 25 November to Friday 28 November 1958 and concluded in the early hours of Saturday 29 November 1958.

Synod Cathedral Service

Divine worship was held in the Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Sydney, at 3 pm, with celebration of Holy Communion.

Synod Preacher

The preacher at the Cathedral Service was the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard, M.A., Th.D., Bishop, Administrator of the Diocese.

The Synod expressed its appreciation of the Bishop-Administrator's inspiring sermon and resolved that it be printed in the Report of the Proceedings of the Synod.

Synod Sermon

Text - "And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." (Luke 24:15).

We have been called together to discharge a very heavy responsibility and to carry out a tremendously important task, and it is most appropriate that we should seek to prepare ourselves for it in this eminently relevant Service of the Holy Communion.

In one of our hymns, we have already sung –

"Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hand Thy grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

I have no help but Thine, nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

See, the feast of love is spread,
Drink the wine, and break the bread:
Sweet memorials - till the Lord
Call us round His heavenly board;
Some from earth, from glory some,
Sever'd only till He come."

What we are about to do in our Synod has an interest for the whole communion to which we belong, and indeed,

to the Holy Catholic Church of God.

There are, of course, other aspects of this sacred Service; I invite your attention to just one more. It is a call to rededication, an opportunity to offer and present unto God ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice. How could it be otherwise? As we realise His presence and remember all that He is and all that He has done for us, what can we do but from hearts that are full, exclaim with St Paul, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

As we feed upon the sacred food in the holy fellowship of all the saints of God, how otherwise can we employ the life and strength that He has given than in His happy service and in that inspiring company.

In that spirit of utter dedication, let us proceed to our task, seeking above all things the glory of God, the welfare of His Church, and the doing of His will. And when the corporate choice has been announced, let us not fail to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and, as a zealous and united body, pledge our loyalty to the new Archbishop, helping him to lead us along the path that his Master and ours would have us tread with steadfast steps.

"On, to the bounds of the waste;
On, to the City of God."

The Synod assembled in the Chapter House at 4.30 pm, under the Presidency of the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard, M.A., Th.D., Bishop, Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney.

Prayers were read by the President.

Presidential Address

Brethren of, the Clergy, Brethren of the Laity,

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is pass'd and gone,
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here -
Nearer than ever - still my shield and sun."

Here in this Service the perfectly courteous Host and gracious Lord waits to meet us in the feast that He has bidden us keep in remembrance of Him; and when we go into the Synod Hall to commune and reason together, He Himself will draw near and go with us to aid us in our task if we but try to be conscious of His presence and seek His guidance. Someone has called the Service of Holy Communion "The Lord's own trystingplace". I am not suggesting that His presence is localised in the consecrated bread and wine, but I do profoundly believe that He is here in the Service, not as the victim on the altar, but as the host at the feast, and I believe that, of normal experiences, this is the divinely appointed means whereby I am best enabled to realise His presence. I have always seen an interesting significance in the experience of the two men walking to Emmaus on the afternoon of the first Easter Day. Did not their hearts burn within them while He talked with them by the way, and while He opened to them the Scriptures? But it was in the breaking of bread at the end of the journey that their eyes were opened and they knew Him. He is present here this afternoon; may He, give us grace to realise His presence, and having found it here, take with us into our deliberations a lingering sense of His fellowship.

As we realise this fellowship, let us remember all that He has done for us, all that He is doing for us, all that He is to us, our Redeemer and our Lord; and let us never forget throughout our Session, and beyond it, our responsibility to Him. "Take, eat," said He at the institution of the sacrament, "this is my Body which is given

for you, do this in remembrance of me . . . drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me.”

Let us never forget either what we owe to Him or the account we must render Him at the last day, and in that spirit let us go to our task.

The Holy Communion is not only a meeting with the Lord and a happy, challenging feast of remembrance; it is also a meal for strength. It is a means whereby we appropriate to ourselves the blessings of His death and the strength and vigour of His risen life. Here at this time, if we seek earnestly and with a single mind, we shall find the wisdom and the judgment and all the other qualities that we need to arrive at the decision He would have us make.

Let us remember also that the Holy Communion is a bond of fellowship. How carefully the Church impresses this upon us in the Catechism, Exhortations and Invitation! We are reminded, as we come, of the communion of saints and of our individual responsibility to enrich and preserve it. We are indebted to the past; we have a duty to the present and the future. Let us not fail to discharge it as we ought.

I give you welcome - and specially those of you who are with us for the first time - to this special Session of the Thirty-First Synod of our Diocese. We meet under the shadow of a very heavy loss for, while with grateful hearts we contemplate the life abundant and the joy inexpressible to which our beloved Archbishop has been called, we cannot but be deeply sensible of the gap that his passing has left in our personal and Diocesan life. I have already paid tribute to his life and work in the sermon preached at the Funeral Service, and this will be published in a special memorial issue of the Diocesan Magazine, but I should like to say a little here, if only for purposes of record.

During the last quarter-of-a-century he brought a magnificent contribution to the welfare of our community, and he was an outstanding figure among us. Coming to Australia in 1934, with an enviable record of Missionary service in China, of scholastic work in Canada, and having served as a Chaplain with the British Army in the first World War, he quickly made a strong and favourable impression, which was deepened and enriched as the succeeding years went by. His strong and simple faith, his friendliness and kindness, and his manifest desire to serve at once, won golden opinions far and wide, and the general appreciation and regard grew with the years. His charm of personality, and his many admirable qualities of character, as well as his broad vision and wide sympathies, allied to his considerable gifts of heart and mind, increasingly inspired the confidence of others.

He filled with distinction various positions of leadership. Within his own Church he did a remarkable work; during his 25 years as Archbishop of Sydney; the Diocese made considerable progress, and in 1947 he was elected Primate of the Church of England in Australia. In this position he still further strengthened the hold he had upon the admiration and regard of the people of his community. His frequent visits to distant parts of our great Island Continent, to cheer the members of the widely scattered flock of the Anglican Communion, were very greatly appreciated, and people felt that the Primate was something more than a name, and his Office was something more than a mere term of organisation - he was known to them and appreciated and loved.

Outside the circle of the Anglican Church he was also very highly regarded: he was the first President of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches in Australia, and he held that office from 1946 to 1951; later, he returned to the office from 1954 to 1955, and again in 1957-58, and I know how very highly he was regarded in that wonderful, ecumenical organisation. It appealed naturally to his broad vision and to his natural friendliness, to his keen zeal for united action on the part of all the constituent members of the wide Christian Church. And his zeal, his capacity, and his spirit naturally inspired the confidence of those who worked with him, and caused him to be elected to this position of wider leadership. A very prominent member of the Council, who had been associated with him in that work for a very long period, remarked to me that his loss was incalculable to the ecumenical movement. He had a great missionary zeal and was regarded far and wide as a missionary statesman. He had a prodigious capacity for work; his industry was wonderful. Everybody who knew him paid tribute to his astonishing gift for personal kindness, which endeared him to a veritable multitude. He was not only greatly admired, but very greatly loved.

Many of us will also remember the inspiring leadership, the work and influence of his distinguished predecessor, John Charles Wright, and we shall be profoundly conscious of the responsibility that rests upon us as we seek to find a successor to these two eminent Christian leaders, who, between them, presided over the life and work and witness of our Diocese during almost half a century. We meet at a time of critical importance, not only to Australia but in the history of mankind, when the challenge of the Church's message and the witness of its life are of paramount importance for the general welfare and the destiny of the race. Our scientific knowledge and our technical skill have brought us possibilities of good or ill that stagger the imagination. They could be like the

rod of Moses and help us to climb to the sunlit plateau of real progress, lasting happiness and abundant satisfaction. On the other hand, they could become the wriggling serpent, waiting to sting us to death. Which of these two is to be the fate of mankind? If we listen for the voice of God and follow His commands, we shall be able to stretch forth our hands to take the serpent by the tail, and it shall become the supporting rod with which we may ascend to the glorious heights of achievement and satisfaction. We have acquired a great deal of knowledge and developed amazing skill, but we have not learned to devote them to beneficent purposes. I often think that our generation, with its machine civilisation, driven by its great technical skill, is very much like a driver seated at the wheel of a powerful car but lacking a proper sense of direction and, as a result, the car is in imminent danger of hurtling over the precipice to tragic destruction below. Surely it must be obvious to all who reflect that in such circumstances the Church has both a gleaming opportunity and a dreadful responsibility because it has been entrusted with the task of proclaiming to mankind by word and example the way of salvation, corporate as well as individual. This reflection must add to our deep sense of duty as we set about electing our human leader in this place. May he help us by the grace of God to deliver our message with arresting power to a community threatened by subtle influences which lead men to a disregard of the central place that belongs to God in all our thinking and acting, and of His claim upon our life and our devotion. We cannot but view with grave anxiety the widespread drift away from the recognition of the sanctity of the Lord's Day and the alarming spread of the moral and social disease of gambling, as well as the menace of intemperance. This spirit of selfishness that finds such frequent expression in and around us, the setting up of material values by so many as the supreme objects of desire, and the general tendency to live as though our sojourn on earth were the only life - all these and other similar considerations challenge us with a sense of the dreadful urgency of the mission of the Church, and claim from us all the utter dedication of our lives to the building of the kingdom of God. May our new leader be enabled to inspire us, and may we be ready to follow earnestly his lead.

Perhaps, for the purpose of clarifying the Ordinance under which we conduct the business of our Session, I should remind you of the procedure which is there laid down for our direction. It seems to me to have been carefully and admirably designed for our assistance in arriving at a careful and unhurried conclusion. It provides for a progressive narrowing of the area of choice till we come to a final concentration on the few who in the light of the preceding elections seem most likely to receive the suffrages of such a substantial proportion of the total membership of the Synod as to support the belief that after further prayerful consideration, they might win the preference of the Synod as a whole. This afternoon we shall have handed in written nominations, and a list of the names thus submitted will be read out to the Synod, which will then adjourn until tomorrow. This interval provides an opportunity for a careful and prayerful individual survey of the names that are to be considered. The list will represent the aggregate of the suggestions made by all of the members of the Synod who desire to bring a name before their fellows. The names will be arranged in alphabetical order and placed separately before the members on a resolution in the form, "Shall A.B. be placed on the Select List?" If that question in any particular case shall be carried by a majority of either order of the members of the Synod then present, the name of that person shall be placed upon the Select List. The voting in this case is by show of hands and any member of Synod may vote for any number of the names thus submitted. When every name on the list has been dealt with in this way, those who have been placed upon the Select List are put to the Synod again in the same way, the resolution this time being, "Shall A.B. be placed on the Final List?" Such names as receive the votes of a majority of each order then present and voting shall be placed upon the Final List. This vote, if 30 members of the Synod desire it, shall be taken by Secret Ballot. In this case, as in the former, members may vote for as many names as they desire. The names on the Final List, on which there must be at least three names, are then placed in order before the members and such of them as receive a majority of the votes of each order are then considered, and the one who receives both these majorities and the highest aggregate majority of the votes of all the members present and voting, shall be declared by the President to be elected. This vote also may be by Secret Ballot if 30 members of the Synod express a desire for it.

And now, in conclusion, just a word or two on the spirit in which we should go to our task.

I am sure you must all have been impressed in reading the Acts of the Apostles by the diligence with which the members of the primitive Church sought the guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit in all their undertakings, including their conferences. Thus we read of the first election, the choice of one to take the place of Judas in the body of the Apostles, and we are told of how they prayed concerning the two men who seemed to them to have relevant qualifications: "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, 'Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two Thou hast chosen.'" (Acts 1:23-24). In the 2nd chapter we read of the circumstances in which that early Christian society received the power and enlightenment of the Holy Ghost: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4) . There was among them an

earnestness of purpose, a spirit of unity, and a submission to the Will of God, with a strong faith that believed in the fulfilment of their Master's promise and a love for Him that transcended and absorbed all other feelings and desires. Well could such a body say after a subsequent conference, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." May we so thoroughly submit ourselves to His guidance and direction that at the end of this momentous Session we, too, may be able to say with all reverence and in very truth, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, that this man whom we have elected should be chosen to be our Archbishop." May God help us to arrive at this happy conclusion!

New Members of Synod

Representatives elected since the last Session presented their Certificates of Election and signed the prescribed declaration.

Documents Laid Upon the Table by the President

- (a) The List of Clergy summoned to the Synod and the List of Lay Representatives.
- (b) A document appointing the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle, B.A., Th.L., as Commissary.
- (c) The Returns in connection with the Election of Lay Representatives.

Chairmen of Committees

The Ven H. G. S. Begbie was appointed Chairman of Committees and the Ven A. L. Wade Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Committees Appointed

- (a) *Elections and Qualifications*: Ven H. G. S. Begbie, Mr N. Jenkyn, Rev J. R. L. Johnstone and Mr V. C. Hughesdon.
- (b) *To Arrange the Order of Synod Business*: Ven H. G. S. Begbie, Mr H. M. Bragg, Ven F. W. Tugwell, Mr R. J. Cashman, Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash and Secretaries (ex officio).

Standing Committee Minute Book

The Minute Book of the Standing Committee was laid upon the table.

Ordinances, Etc Laid Upon the Table by the President

- (a) A copy of the Notice convening this Special Session of Synod.
- (b) A copy of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance, 1931.
- (c) A copy of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amending Ordinance, 1958.

Proceedings Held in Private

After considerable discussion, during which a number of amendments were moved, designed to admit the public in general, or at least, certain Clergymen who were not members of Synod, or the Press, it was resolved that further proceedings of this Synod be held in camera.

The Rt Rev the President thereupon requested that all non-members of Synod should leave the Hall, with the exception of the Returning Officer and certain persons chosen to assist him as Poll Clerks.

The President appealed to all members of Synod to honour the spirit of this resolution and to regard the business of this Session as strictly confidential.

Questions asked during the Session of Synod

1. Mr L. M. Abbott asked –

- “(a) Is any provision at present made, or required to be made, for an illness or age superannuation for the Archbishop of Sydney?
- (b) If so, at what age do the benefits commence to apply?
- (c) Has the Synod power to require any part of the See Endowment income to be applied for this purpose?
- (d) Has the Synod power to fix a retiring age for the Archbishop?
- (e) Has this Special Session of Synod power to make any superannuation and/or retiring age provisions, before a moral contract is made with the Archbishop-elect by offering him the See?”

To which the President replied –

“(a) and (b) The ‘Archbishop’s Superannuation Ordinance, 1918,’ provides –

- ‘1. When an Archbishop of Sydney shall attain the age of 70 years or shall before attaining that age produce to the Standing Committee of the Diocese a Certificate of two legally qualified medical practitioners approved by the said Standing Committee that he is permanently incapacitated for duty or shall satisfy the said Standing Committee that for other reasons it is in the best interests of the Diocese that he should resign his office as Archbishop, the said Standing Committee shall (at the request of the said Archbishop) declare him to be superannuated on the conditions hereinafter provided. Provided that if the See shall at any time be declared vacant under the provisions of Determination VI of the General Synod, Session 1891, the Standing Committee shall declare the Archbishop superannuated under the provisions of this Ordinance. Standing Committee in this Ordinance means the members for the time being holding office under the provisions of the Standing Committee Ordinance of 1897 or any Ordinance amending or taking the place of the same.
- 2. An Archbishop who shall have been so declared to be superannuated and shall have resigned the See shall (subject to the provisions hereinafter contained) be entitled during his life to an allowance at the rate of £750 per annum and such allowance shall be payable from such funds as may by Ordinance of Synod be made or be declared to be available for that purpose.
- 3. In the event of an Archbishop superannuated under this Ordinance being appointed to any Office or Offices the total emoluments of which shall exceed £20 per annum, the amount of his superannuation allowance shall be reduced pro tanto.’

In this connection it is to be noted that on several occasions this matter was raised with the late Archbishop, but he was emphatic that he did not wish further provision to be made but that the Standing Committee should wait until the occasion arose before making additional provision for his superannuation.

- (c) The Synod has power either directly or through the Standing Committee.

- (d) The Synod has power to fix a retiring age before the appointment of an Archbishop. No doubt after any such appointment such an arrangement would require his consent.
- (e) Rules limiting the power of Synod to deal only with matters specified in the notice convening a special session were made in 1916, but the opinion has been expressed that such a limitation of the powers of Synod is ultra vires.”.

2. Mr L. Jillett asked –

- “(a) What are the stipend and other emoluments pertaining to the office of Archbishop of the See of Sydney?
- (b) What, if any, are the retirement and pension arrangements?”

To which the President replied –

- “(a) The stipend of the Archbishop of Sydney was fixed by Ordinance in 1909 at the rate of £2,250 per annum, free of certain rates and taxes. In the case of the late Archbishop, this total amount (£2,250) was paid at his express wish as £600 by way of stipend and the balance by way of expense allowance. Further amounts under the heading of various expense allowances were paid to him and increased from time to time over the years by arrangement with the Standing Committee. The Archbishop is provided with a residence and motor cars.
- (b) See the answer to Question 1 before.”.

3. The Rev H. W. Robey asked –

- “(a) In the final voting, can Synodsmen vote for more than one candidate as is the case in the voting for Select and Final Lists?
- (b) If the answer to the previous question is yes, could Synodsmen be reminded of this point of procedure, at the time of taking this vote?
- (c) If the answer is no - is it possible to introduce a motion of urgency to enable the vote on the Final List to be on a preferential basis?”

To which the President replied –

- “(a) Yes.
- (b) It is felt that the Ordinance is perfectly clear in this respect and that there would be no particular point in drawing the attention of Synodsmen to this provision any more than various other provisions of the Ordinance.”

4. The Rev C. H. Sherlock asked –

“Would the Right Reverend the President explain to Synod the meaning of the phrase 'highest aggregate majority' as it appears in Clause 7 of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance, 1931, and his ruling as to the interpretation of the phrase as it is to be applied in this session?”

To which the President replied –

“There seems to be some ambiguity in the phrase, but in its context I think the meaning more probably intended will be realised by observing the following procedure –

‘The aggregate votes cast for each nominee who has received the votes of a majority, both of Clerical and of Lay Members, are compared and the one whose aggregate vote arrived at in this way is the highest is the one who should be declared to be elected.’.”

Election of A Duly Qualified Person for the Office of the Archbishop of the See of Sydney

This Session of Synod had been convened in accordance with the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance, 1931, with the special object of electing a duly qualified person for the office of Archbishop of the See of Sydney, and other than formal business the period of more than five daily sessions of its meetings was occupied with the receiving of nominations, the consideration of the names of such persons, the reducing of the list of nominations to a Select List, the further reduction of such Select List to a Final List, and then from the Final List the actual election of a person for the vacancy.

Omitting formal business and the details of the debates, the following is the Summary of the Proceedings.

Monday 24 November 1958 – 4.30 pm

After the completion of various matters previously mentioned, the Rt Rev the President, in the terms of the Ordinance, called for nominations of duly qualified persons for the office of the Archbishop of the See of Sydney. In so doing, he ruled that such nominations in accordance with the Ordinance should be in writing, signed by the person nominating, and by some other member of Synod as seconder, and be handed to the Secretaries of the Synod, such names not being read out at the time of their nomination. The following is the list, in alphabetical order, of nominations received and handed to the President by the Secretaries of the Synod.

List of Nominations

The Rev Herbert Maxwell Arrowsmith, M.B.E., Th.L., Honorary Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Dr P. H. H. White, (2) Rev R. F. Dillon; seconded by Mr R. Lindsay Little, Rev W. A. Watts.

The Very Reverend Stuart Barton Babbage, M.A., Ph.D., Th.D., Dean of Melbourne and Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne.

Nominated by (1) Rev K. L. Walker, (2) Mr A. F. P. James; seconded by Rev R. Gibson, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin.

The Right Reverend Frederick Donald Coggan, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Bradford.

Nominated by (1) Mr W. J. Robinson, (2) Rev Dr F. R. Arnott, (3) Mr A. F. P. James; seconded by Mr F. H. Johnstone, Rev Dr W. J. Edwards, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin.

The Right Reverend Hugh Rowlands Gough, O.B.E., M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Barkin.

Nominated by (1) Very Rev E. A. Pitt, (2) Rev C. H. Sherlock; seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness, Rev G. H. Feltham.

The Right Reverend William George Hilliard, M.A., Th.D., Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Ven T. C. Hammond, (2) Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith; seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash, Rev R. S. Walker.

The Right Reverend Francis Oag Hulme-Moir, Th.L., Bishop of Nelson.

Nominated by (1) Mr R. F. Nettheim; seconded by Mr J. W. L. Jillett.

The Right Reverend Ronald Clive Kerle, B.A., Th.L., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, (2) Dr R. R. Winton, (3) Rev C. H. Sherlock, (4) Rev R. Wotton; seconded by Mr H. M. Bragg, Rev A. C. H. Yuill, Rev A. T. Pattison, Mr F. A. Carruthers.

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The Right Reverend Marcus Lawrence Loane, M.A., M.D., D.D., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney and Principal of Moore Theological College.

Nominated by (1) Rev. Canon A. W. Morton, (2) Rev J. R. Noble, (3) Rev B. H. Williams, (4) Mr M. H. McKay; seconded by Mr A. L. Short, Rev A. H. Funnell, Rev W. K. Deasey, Rev W. A. Watts.

The Right Reverend Francis Evered Lunt, M.A., L.Th., Bishop Suffragan of Stepney.

Nominated by (1) Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin; seconded by Mr A. F. P. James.

The Right Reverend Stephen Charles Neill, M.A., D.D., Bishop, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches.

Nominated by (1) Rev H. E. S. Doyle; seconded by Rev L. T. Lambert.

The Right Reverend Chandu Ray, Assistant Bishop of Lahore.

Nominated by (1) Rev H. W. Robey; seconded by Mr W. R. Cox.

The Right Reverend Alfred Stanway, M.A., Th.L., Bishop of Central Tanganyika.

Nominated by (1) Rev A. R. Lormer; seconded by Rev T. G. Rees.

The Rev John Robert Walmsley Stott, M.A., Rector of All Souls', Langham Place, London.

Nominated by (1) Ven G. R. Delbridge, (2) Rev A. H. Funnell; seconded by Rev T. D. Croft, Rev J. R. Noble.

The Right Reverend Philip Nigel Warrington Strong, M.A., Th.D., Bishop of New Guinea.

Nominated by (1) Mr F. H. Johnstone; seconded by Mr W. J. Robinson.

The Very Reverend John Gerhard Tiarks, M.A., Provost of Bradford.

Nominated by (1) Rev Canon Ernest Cameron; seconded by Rev W. J. Siddens.

The Reverend Maurice Arthur Ponsonby Wood, D.S.C., M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Islington, London.

Nominated by (1) Rev S. C. S. Begbie; seconded by Mr W. R. Bailey.

Certified to be correct.

S. H. DENMAN

W. L. J. HUTCHISON Secretaries of Synod.

The Rt Rev the President announced to the Synod the names of the persons nominated, together with their nominators and seconders.

Synod then adjourned at 6.40 pm until 6 pm, Tuesday 25 November 1958.

Tuesday 25 November 1958 – 6 pm

It was resolved that in connection with deciding upon names to go on the Select List, the nominators should be limited to speeches of ten minutes, and all other speakers (including the right of reply) should be limited to five minutes, with the right of Synod to extend the time whenever it saw fit.

It was further resolved that where there were more than one nominator these should agree amongst themselves as to who would speak first. Failing such agreement, the President should decide by lot as to who should be the mover.

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It was further resolved that should members desire to correct alleged mis-statements, then they should speak immediately at the conclusion of the particular speech concerned, without waiting for the conclusion of the debate as a whole.

Synod then proceeded to consider the names on the list of nominations.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Dr P. H. H. White, seconded by the Rev R. F. Dillon.

Other speakers were Mr R Lindsay Little and the Rev W. A. Watts.

The vote was taken and the name of the Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Very Reverend S. Barton Babbage be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Mr A. F. P. James, seconded by Rev K. L. Walker.

Other speakers were Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin, Rev P. Newall and Mr W. S. Gee.

The vote was taken and the name of the Very Reverend S. Barton Babbage was placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev F. D. Coggan be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev Dr F. R. Arnott, seconded by Mr A. F. P. James.

Other speakers were the Very Rev E. A. Pitt, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin, Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith and Rev C.T. Kenderdine.

The vote was taken and the name of the Rt Rev F. D. Coggan was placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev H. R. Gough be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by the Very Rev E. A. Pitt, seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness.

Other speakers were Mr N. Jenkyn, the Ven G. R. Delbridge and the Ven R. J. Hewett.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev H. R. Gough was placed on the Select List.

At this stage the Rt Rev the President left the Synod Hall and the Rt Rev the Commissary took his place as Chairman.

The Commissary then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by the Ven T. C. Hammond, seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard was placed on the Select List.

The Rt Rev the President then returned to the Synod Hall and resumed the Chair.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev F. O. Hulme-Moir be placed upon the Select List?”

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Proposed by Mr R. F. Nettheim, seconded by Mr L. Jillett.

The Rev F. G. Taplin also spoke.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev F. O. Hulme-Moir was not placed on the Select List.

At this stage the Rt Revs. R. C. Kerle and M. L. Loane left the Synod Hall.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, seconded by Dr R. R. Winton.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle was placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev M. L. Loane be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev Canon A. W. Morton, seconded by Mr A. L. Short.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev M. L. Loane was placed upon the Select List.

At this stage the Rt Revs R. C. Kerle and M. L. Loane returned to the Synod Hall.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev F. E. Lunt be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin, seconded by Mr A. F. P. James.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev F. E. Lunt was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev S. C. Neill be placed upon the Select List?”

At this stage the nominator, Rev H. E. S. Doyle, asked the leave of Synod to withdraw this nomination. Leave was given and the name was withdrawn accordingly.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev Chandu Ray be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev H. W. Robey, seconded by Mr W. R. Cox.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev Chandu Ray was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev A. Stanway be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev A. R. Lormer, seconded by Rev T. G. Rees.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev A. Stanway was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rev J. R. W. Stott be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Ven G. R. Delbridge, seconded by Rev A. H. Funnell.

The vote was taken and the Rev J. R. W. Stott was placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev P. N. W. Strong be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Mr F. H. Johnstone, seconded by Mr A. F. P. James.

The vote was taken and the Rt Rev P. N. W. Strong was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Very Rev J. G. Tiarks be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev Canon Ernest Cameron, seconded by Rev W. J. Siddens.

Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness also spoke.

The vote was taken and the Very Rev J. G. Tiarks was not placed on the Select List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rev M. A. P. Wood be placed upon the Select List?”

Proposed by Rev S. C. S. Begbie, seconded by Mr C. K. Becroft.

The Rev B. R. Horsley also spoke.

The vote was taken and the Rev M. A. P. Wood was placed on the Select List.

Synod adjourned at 11.20 pm until 6 pm on Wednesday 26 November 1958.

Wednesday 26 November 1958 - 6 pm

Synod proceeded to the further consideration of the names on the Select List, with a view to the preparation of a Final List.

It was resolved that at this stage in the discussion of the question as to who should be placed on the Final List, the mover should speak for not more than ten minutes, all other speakers (including the right of reply) for not more than five minutes, subject in all cases to extension by Synod at its discretion.

The names of those on the Select List were read out as follows –

Select List

The Very Reverend Stuart Barton Babbage, M.A., Ph.D., Th.D., Dean of Melbourne and Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne.

Nominated by (1) Rev K. L. Walker, (2) Mr A. F. P. James; seconded by Rev R. Gibson, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin.

The Right Reverend Frederick Donald Coggan, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Bradford.

Nominated by (1) Mr W. J. Robinson, (2) Rev Dr F. R. Arnott, (3) Mr A. F. P. James; seconded by Mr F. H. Johnstone, Rev Dr W. J. Edwards, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin.

The Right Reverend Hugh Rowlands Gough, O.B.E., M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Barking.

Nominated by (1) Very Rev E. A. Pitt, (2) Rev C. H. Sherlock; seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness, Rev G. H. Feltham.

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The Right Reverend William George Hilliard, M.A., Th.D., Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Ven T. C. Hammond, (2) Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith; seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash, Rev R. S. Walker.

The Right Reverend Ronald Clive Kerle, B.A., Th.L., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, (2) Dr R. R. Winton, (3) Rev C. H. Sherlock, (4) Rev R. Wotton; seconded by Mr H. M. Bragg, Rev A. C. H. Yuill, Rev A. T. Pattison, Mr F. A. Carruthers.

The Right Reverend Marcus Lawrence Loane, M.A., Th.D., D.D., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney and Principal of Moore Theological College.

Nominated by (1) Rev Canon A. W. Morton, (2) Rev J. R. Noble, (3) Rev B. H. Williams, (4) Mr M. H. McKay; seconded by Mr A. L. Short, Rev A. H. Funnell, Rev W. K. Deasey, Rev W. A. Watts.

The Reverend John Robert Walmsley Stott, M.A., Rector of All Souls', Langham Place, London.

Nominated by (1) Ven G. R. Delbridge, (2) Rev A. H. Funnell; seconded by Rev T. D. Croft, Rev J. R. Noble.

The Reverend Maurice Arthur Ponsonby Wood, D.S.C., M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean of Islington, London.

Nominated by (1) Rev S. C. S. Begbie; seconded by Mr W. R. Bailey.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Very Rev S. Barton Babbage be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Rev K. L. Walker, seconded by Mr A. F. P. James.

Other speakers were Rev W. A. Watts, Rev T. G. Rees, Rev W. J. Siddens, Rev P. Newall, Mr C. K. Becroft and Rev C. W. J. Gumbley.

The vote of Clerical members was taken and the Very Rev S. Barton Babbage was not placed on the Final List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev F. D. Coggan be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Rev Dr F. R. Arnott, seconded by Mr F. H. Johnstone.

Other speakers were Dr L. E. Lyons, Mr A. F. P. James, Ven T. C. Hammond, Rev W. N. Rook, Dr G. N. M. Aitkens, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin, Rev W. J. Siddens and Rev B. W. J. Gook.

The required number of members having made request in accordance with the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amending Ordinance, 1958, the vote was taken by ballot and the Rt Rev F. D. Coggan was not placed on the Final List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev H. R. Gough be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by the Very Rev E. A. Pitt, seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness.

Other speakers were Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash, Mr N. Jenkyn, Dr R. Thorne, Rev D. W. B. Robinson, Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, Mr W. S. Gee, Rev R. S. R. Meyer, Rev B. W. J. Gook and Rev H. Bates.

The vote was taken of both Clergy and Laymen, and the Rt Rev H. R. Gough was placed on the Final List.

At this stage Synod considered the question of the giving of some information to the Press, and resolved –

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“That the Rt Rev the President release to the Press each evening such statement of its proceedings and determinations as may be considered desirable.”

Synod adjourned at 11.15 pm until 6 pm on Thursday 27 November 1958.

Thursday 27 November 1958 - 6 pm

After formal business, the Rt Rev the President left the Synod Hall and the Rt Rev the Commissary took his place as Chairman.

The Commissary then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Ven T. C. Hammond, seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash.

Other speakers were Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, Mr W. S. Gee, Mr N. Jenkyn, Rev R. S. R. Meyer, Rev R. S. Walker and Rev T. G. Rees.

The vote was taken of both Clergy and Laymen, and the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard was placed on the Final List.

The Rt Rev the Administrator returned to the Synod Hall and resumed the Chair.

At this stage the Rt Revs R. C. Kerle and M. L. Loane left the Synod Hall.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Mr H. M. Bragg, seconded by Rev C. H. Sherlock.

Other speakers were Rev H. W. Robey, Mr E. C. B. MacLaurin, Rev A. C. H. Yuill, Ven S. H. Denman, Ven H. G. S. Begbie and Ven R. J. Hewett.

The vote was taken of both Clergy and Laymen, and the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle was placed on the Final List.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev M. L. Loane be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Ven R. B. Robinson, seconded by Mr A. L. Short.

Other speakers were Ven H. G. S. Begbie, Rev R. S. Walker, Rev Canon D. J. Knox, Ven G. R. Delbridge, Rev C. Craven-Sands, Rev N. Graham, Rev J. R. L. Johnstone and Mr C. K. Becroft.

The vote was taken of both Clergy and Laymen, and the Rt Rev M. L. Loane was placed on the Final List.

At this stage the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle and the Rt Rev M. L. Loane returned to the Synod Hall.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rev J. R. W. Stott be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Ven G. R. Delbridge, seconded by Rev A. H. Funnell.

Other speakers were Rev T. G. Croft, Rev H. Bates, Rev E. G. Mortley, Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness and Ven R. B. Robinson.

The vote was taken of Clergy and the Rev J. R. W. Stott was not placed on the Final List.

The Synod adjourned at 11.20 pm until 6 pm on Friday 28 November 1958.

Friday 28 November 1958 - 6 pm

The Synod proceeded to give further consideration to the preparation of the Final List.

The Rt Rev the President put the question –

“Shall the Rev M. A. P. Wood be placed upon the Final List?”

Proposed by Rev S. C. S. Begbie, seconded by Rev B. R. Horsley.

Other speakers were Rev R. F. Gray, Rev R. A. Hickin, Very Rev E. A. Pitt, Ven T. C. Hammond, Rev A. A. Langdon, Rev C. T. Kenderdine, Rev W. J. Siddens, Rev T. G. Rees, Rev R. E. Evans and Rev J. R. L. Johnstone.

The vote was taken of Clergy and the Rev M. A. P. Wood was not placed on the Final List.

Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the names on the Final List.

It was resolved that before each vote was taken as to whether the person on the Final List should be elected Archbishop, that the Synod would spend two minutes in silent prayer for Divine guidance.

It was further resolved that at this stage the mover would be allowed to speak for ten minutes, the seconder and other speakers (including the right of reply) to have five minutes, subject to extension by Synod at its discretion.

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

Final List

The Right Reverend Hugh Rowlands Gough, O.B.E., M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Barking.

Nominated by (1) Very Rev E. A. Pitt, (2) Rev C. H. Sherlock; seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness, Rev G. H. Feltham.

The Right Reverend William George Hilliard, M.A., Th.D., Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Ven T. C. Hammond, (2) Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith; seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash, Rev R. S. Walker.

The Right Reverend Ronald Clive Kerle, B.A., Th.L., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney.

Nominated by (1) Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, (2) Dr R. R. Winton, (3) Rev C. H. Sherlock, (4) Rev R. Wotton; seconded by Mr H. M. Bragg, Rev A. C. H. Yuill, Rev A. T. Pattison, Mr F. A. Carruthers.

The Right Reverend Marcus Lawrence Loane, M.A., Th.D., D.D., Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Sydney and Principal of Moore Theological College.

Nominated by (1) Rev Canon A. W. Morton, (2) Rev J. R. Noble, (3) Rev B. H. Williams, (4) Mr M. H. McKay; seconded by Mr A. L. Short, Rev A. H. Funnel], Rev W. K. Deasey, Rev W. A. Watts.

The President stated that he would announce the numbers recorded after each vote was taken.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev H. R. Gough be elected to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney?”

Proposed by the Very Rev E. A. Pitt, seconded by Dr the Rev H. W. Guinness.

Other speakers were Ven G. R. Delbridge, Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, Mr A. F. P. James, Mr W. S. Gee, Rev B. W. J. Gook, Rev R. S. R. Meyer and Rev A. W. Prescott.

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The required number of members having made request, and after Synod had engaged in silent prayer, the vote was taken by ballot, and the Rt Rev H. R. Gough received a majority of votes of both Clergy and Laymen.

It was resolved that from this point onwards all speeches be limited to five minutes with no extension to be granted, but that the President should ring a bell after four minutes and then again after the five minutes, when the speeches must immediately conclude.

The Rt Rev the Administrator left the Chair and the Rt Rev the Commissary took the Chair at this point.

The Commissary then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard be elected to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney?”

Proposed by Ven T. C. Hammond, seconded by Rev Canon E. F. N. Cash.

Other speakers were Dr R. R. Winton, Dr A. Brazen, Rev C. H. Sherlock, Rev Canon H. M. Arrowsmith and Mr F. H. Johnstone.

The required number of members having made request, and after Synod had engaged in silent prayer, the vote was taken by ballot and the Rt Rev W. G. Hilliard did not receive a majority of votes in either House.

The Rt Rev the President resumed the Chair.

The Rt Revs R. C. Kerle and M. L. Loane left the Synod Hall.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle be elected to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney?”

Proposed by Rev J. R. L. Johnstone, seconded by Mr H. M. Bragg.

Other speakers were Mr K. H. Blaxland, Rev Canon S. G. Stewart, Mr R. J. Cashman, Rev N. Chynoweth and Rev D. W. B. Robinson.

The required number of members having made request, and after Synod had engaged in silent prayer, the vote was taken by ballot and the Rt Rev R. C. Kerle did not receive a majority of votes in either House.

The President then put the question –

“Shall the Rt Rev M. L. Loane be elected to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney?”

Proposed by Rev Canon A. W. Morton, seconded by Rev B. H. Williams.

Other speakers were Rev W. K. Deasey, Rev J. R. Noble, Rev A. D. Deane, Rev H. Bates and Rev E. G. Mortley.

The required number of members having made request, and after Synod had engaged in silent prayer, the vote was taken by ballot and the Rt Rev M. L. Loane did not receive a majority of votes in either House.

The Rt Rev the President declared that the Rt Rev Hugh Rowlands Gough, O.B.E., M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Barking, had been elected to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney.

It was resolved –

“That, after the Acting Metropolitan has reported to the Administrator the necessary confirmation of the Bishops of the Province, a unanimous invitation be given by the Administrator on behalf of the Diocese to the Right Reverend Hugh Rowlands Gough to accept the See of Sydney and become our Archbishop, with our prayerful good wishes to the Bishop and his wife.”

The Synod sang the Doxology.

Synod adjourned sine die at 1.15 a.m. on Saturday, 29th November, 1958.

Sundry Motions Passed During the Session of Synod

1. Archbishop's Superannuation

"That this Synod requests the Standing Committee to review the Archbishop's Superannuation Ordinance, 1918, and to submit, if necessary, an amending Ordinance to the next Ordinary Session of the Synod.

This Synod also requests the Administrator to advise the Archbishop-elect of this resolution when supplying him with details of the See."

(Mr L. M. Abbott)

2. Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1931, as amended

"That the Standing Committee of this Synod be requested to consider –

- (1) The operation of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1931, as amended.
- (2) Other methods of voting and in particular the following related matters –
 - (a) The desirability or otherwise of adopting the preferential system in Clause 7 of the Ordinance.
 - (b) The desirability or otherwise of limiting a secret ballot to voting for the election of an Archbishop from the Final List.

and to report back to the next Ordinary Session of this Synod."

(Mr Justice A. R. Richardson.)

3. Votes of Thanks

Votes of thanks were recorded to the Rt Rev the President, the Rt Rev the Commissary, the Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officer and their assistants, the Secretaries of Synod and the Registry Staff.

4. Minutes

That on the production of a certificate of the Secretaries that the minutes not already certified to are a correct record of proceedings, the President be authorised to sign them as correct.