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Canon E.R.B. Gribble (1869-1957) with his father, J.B. Gribble, founded the Yarrabah Mission in North Queensland and was in charge there from the time of his father's death in 1893 until 1910. He then became Rector of Gosford, N.S.W., before going to Forrest River Mission, W.A., in 1914-28. He was chaplain of the Palm Island Aboriginal Settlement in 1931-41 and Canon of North Queensland diocese in 1941-57. He was appointed O.B.E. in 1956

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Yarrabah, Palm Island, Mitchell, 22/1C,22/2A,24/2,26/2C3,
26/4A1,40A/3,4B,4C,46/3H,4B,4M,4P,46/5,46/6,48/1D1.
WA/K (SD.52) - 22/1C,2A,24/2,26/4A1,32/2,36/2A Forrest River,
36/3A Anglican (Church of England).
NT/N (SD.53) - 12C/2,22/1C,2A,24/2,26/4A1,36/2A Groote
Eylandt.
Aus. - 12C/7,16C/1D,32/3,24/2.
D.10, Y.31,90,117,132 - L. Y.114 - S,L.
x. Aborigines' Protection League
x. Association for the Protection of Native Races
x. Australian Aborigines' League
x. Australian Board of Missions
x. Baillie, Helen
x. Bennett, Mary Montgomery (Christison)
x. Citizens' Education Fellowship
x. Goodall, Norman
x. Mansfield, Louis C.S.
x. Morley, Norman M.
x. National Missionary Council of Australia
x. Perth, H.H.
x. Priest, C.A.V.
x. Rainey, William Henry
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