I find that I have had very good co-operation from medical men and hospitals in their treatment of the aborigines.

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