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My dear Cousin,

I shall certainly
be very glad to have you
use my name in the
manner you propose,
and shall be only too
happy if it can serve
you in any degree.

I should think your
plan might be a very

pleasant and useful
me. But now, let me
ask you to help me a
little. I have been
anxious for some time
past to find out whe-
ther the American
Woman who will
abroad engage in any
works that are useful
to the Communities in
which they reside. The
American Colony in

Paris, for example. Couldn't you find out for me whether the ladies belonging to it have started any charities or schools on their own account, or whether they take an active interest in the institutions which already exist there?

It would give me great pleasure to learn that these American Women, who certainly do not exercise any influence in their own country, ex-

desire to become a power for good
in these countries. Please let me
know when you depart.

Wishing you the greatest success in
this new undertaking, I am always,
Your aff. Cousin,

Julia Ward Howe.

W. Ward sends best love.