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1862-08-30 Chaplain Leonard reports that "10,000 men lie dead and wounded on the field of battle" in Manassas

H. C. Leonard

Washington Aug. 30, 1862.

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Dear Governor:

Major Fletcher
has just now (2 o'clock P. M.)
come from the War Office
with the news that our forces
are driving the enemy at all
points, & that ten thousand
men lie dead & wounded
on the fields of battle.

Many persons are going
out from this city to
render aid to the wounded.
No doubt a large proportion
of this class are rebels. —

I shall take my first
chance to reach my regiment.
Our boys have hitherto
suffered so severely & should

profoundly thankful
to hear that they had
got through this
 ordeal without much
injury.

If Pope has
with his additions from
the fine old army of the
Potomac driven the rebels,
I shall hope a speedy
return of peace, for it
seems to me that
this victory should
be followed up with
victory after victory
without ceasing to end
immediately. We have
strength & steadiness
enough in our ranks.
Let us have also the

audacity & dash of the
rebels & every thing will
forthwith be accomplished.

I said, I think,
in a letter I wrote you
this morning something
of the fear & trembling
of the people in & about
Washington. It amuses
me now, since the news
of our victory came in,
to see how active fear-
men try to be in
the service of the country.
They walk very fast
to-day on the tide-walks,
feeling to-day we are
true patriots & always have
been - can't we do something?
Shouldn't there be a severe

to morrow they would
get over to the islands

I am yours
forever,

H. C. Leonard

Chaplain Leonard
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Aug. 20.