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If Twelve Today. Ernest C. Tanton. This is an imaginative novel, its theme being a Britain in a state of chaos owing to the Communistic and Fascist sections of the people gaining much power. A religious body, bearing close resemblance to "The Oxford Group" is brought into being and the story deals extensively with the organisation of this group, known as "The Templars."

The opening chapter describes a camp of 50,000 Blackshirts encamped within five miles of the cenotaph in London. The National Government is in power and the leader of the Fascists demands repressive action against the Reds. The mob arrives at the cenotaph as Big Ben strikes eleven on Armistice Day. Then a twelfth note sounds, a shot, and the leader falls dead. Richard Golvers, chief of staff, accepts the mantle. He has an old grudge against the Jews, and is a hater and a hard hitter. The assault on parliament was abortive, but Fascism grew. The Church had lost control of the people and Conservatism lost Church support. THEN—Peter Knowles began in a small way to gain adherents to his cause, which was a thorough fellowship of Christian people. The Soviets were out to crush religion and Peter believed that God could change the tide of human affairs. He met Paul Matson, a leader of the anti-religionists and led him back to religion. And so we see Peter and Paul, as in days of old, leading a crusade to win the people to Christ. Eventually, they gathered other disciples, making twelve in all, and the story tells very graphically of their trials and persecutions, and of their successes in the cause which was to gain political power and make England a kingdom of God.

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