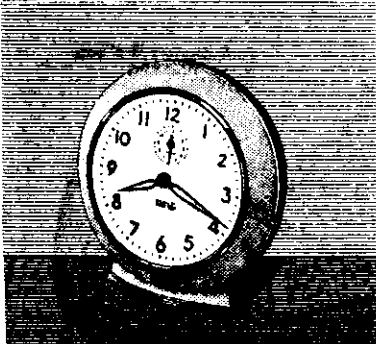


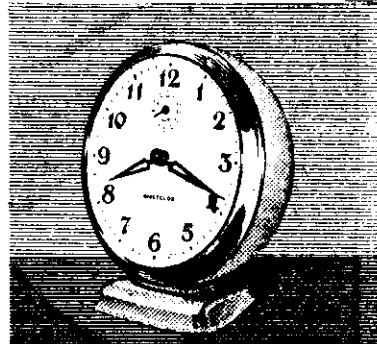


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TURNBULL Library books now temporarily housed at Parliament Buildings

EVACUATION UNDER WAY

FIRST steps in the temporary removal of books from the Turnbull Library building are now being carried out in Wellington. Around 11,000 volumes from the Library's English literature collection (amounting to the greater part of it but not including rare books and manuscripts in this field) are being transferred complete with their steel shelving to a room in Parliament Buildings, which was previously used as a storehouse by Bellamy's. In addition, some of the Turnbull's files of early Australian and New Zealand newspapers, duplicate copies of which exist in other Wellington libraries, have been placed in more than a hundred packing cases and will be stored, also at Parliament Buildings.

Since the Cabinet decision last October that the Turnbull Library should be evacuated as soon as possible so that urgently needed renovating and strengthening could be carried out in the building, plans have gone ahead rapidly. The present transfer is only a preliminary stage in the eventual removal of the entire library of over 100,000 volumes. The bulk of the Turnbull collections will be moved later in the year to the Ford building in Courtenay Place, Wellington, where they will continue to be available to students.

The English literature collection which is now being shifted out will also continue to be avail-

able to students, who can fill in slips for individual books after consulting the catalogues in the Turnbull building. An assistant will in future normally visit the new stack-room at Bellamy's once a day to obtain the books thus asked for.

The process of strengthening and renovating is expected to take about 12 months, after which the collections will be moved back to their original quarters. Steel beams will be grafted on to the existing brick framework of the Library, which was once Alexander Turnbull's private home. The present move will give immediate relief to the most overloaded floor of the building.



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PACKING bound files of early colonial newspapers

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