

Bad Checks Trip Harvard Grad

A dishwasher at the Harvard Club, who turned out to be a graduate of Harvard and nine other colleges and universities, pleaded guilty in Municipal Court yesterday to bad check charges and was given a three months suspended sentence. Vernon B. Twitchell, 49, of St. Botolph st., who is neat and precise and looks rather like a professor in the style of Mr. Chips, freely admitted that his long, slow slide from Harvard's Business School, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Graduate School of Education to dishwashing was due to liquor.

It even went further than that, he admitted, for the Harvard Club fired him for drinking.

He was also extremely ethical about passing bad checks, he explained, because he always endorsed them with his right name, added his correct address and, when they bounced, instantly communicated with his victims and promised to pay up.

The particular checks, for which he was before Judge J. John Fox, were passed at a bookshop, a market and a men's store, furnishing Twitchell with food for the mind and body as well as raiment.

Judge Fox read with some amazement Twitchell's academic career as furnished by the probation department. It includes Tilton School in New Hampshire, Amherst College, McGill University, Boston University, Harvard, LaSalle University, UCLA and the Institute of Religious Sciences in Los Angeles.

His degrees are B.A., Master of Business Administration, Ph. D. and LL. B. and Doctor of Religious Science.

Somewhere along the line he wrote a book called "Living Without Liquor."