

It is generally known to most of the readers of the Review that for several years in the early history of Seventh-day Adventists, believers adopted six o'clock p.m. as the time for the Sabbath to commence and close. It is also known that in the autumn of 1855, the Review taught that sunset was the Bible time to commence the Sabbath, and that our people generally changed from six o'clock to sunset. Some of the circumstances connected with this change I wish here to state:

1. The six o'clock time was called in question by a portion of believers as early as 1847, some maintaining^{ing} that the Sabbath commenced at sun-rise, while others claimed Bible evidence in favor of sunset.

2. Elder Joseph Bates, who was the first to teach the Sabbath in its importance, and faithfully labored to bring out a people from among the Adventists to observe it, was very decided upon the six o'clock time. His decided stand upon the question, and respect for his years, and his godly life, might have been among the reasons why this point was not sooner investigated as thoroughly as some other points.

James White in article "Time to Commence the Sabbath."