Sangam, Poona
12th July, 1913

My dear Aravamudan,

Accept my sincere thanks for your telegraphic felicitations on my having begun the 77th year of my life. If Almighty God has kept me longer in this world than the friends of my youth and middle age and kept me longer still for sometime, it must be so, because He the merciful father

less my soul stained by sensual blots and stains and wish to see them washed off by subjecting me to greater trials. And such trials are always coming on. May he carry me safely through them and vouchsafe that my soul is not further stained by them.

Hoping you and yours are in the enjoyment of good health and of the bliss of serenity,

I remain, very fondly
yours,
R. G. Bhandarkar