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"Yantai" in Chinese

Simplified Chinese

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Traditional Chinese

煙臺 or 煙台

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The old Consular Hill, now Yantai Hill Park, with a lighthouse at the top. The Golden Gulf Hotel is at the western end of the broad promenade which extends as far as No. 1 Bathing Beach, adjacent to the old school site.



Brian & Ruth Kerry ...

On our visit to China to attend the 70th Anniversary Celebrations in Weifang, Ruth, Cheryl and I landed in Beijing and spent two full days sight-seeing before flying to Yantai.

Yantai (Chefoo) was where my elder sister Joyce and I were boarders in the China Inland Mission Schools.

In December 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbour, Japanese soldiers confined us in our school compound. 1942 we were moved to the Temple Hill area of Chefoo and interned in large houses in former American Presbyterian Mission compounds. Then, in 1943 we were all transferred by boat and train to the Weihsien camp.

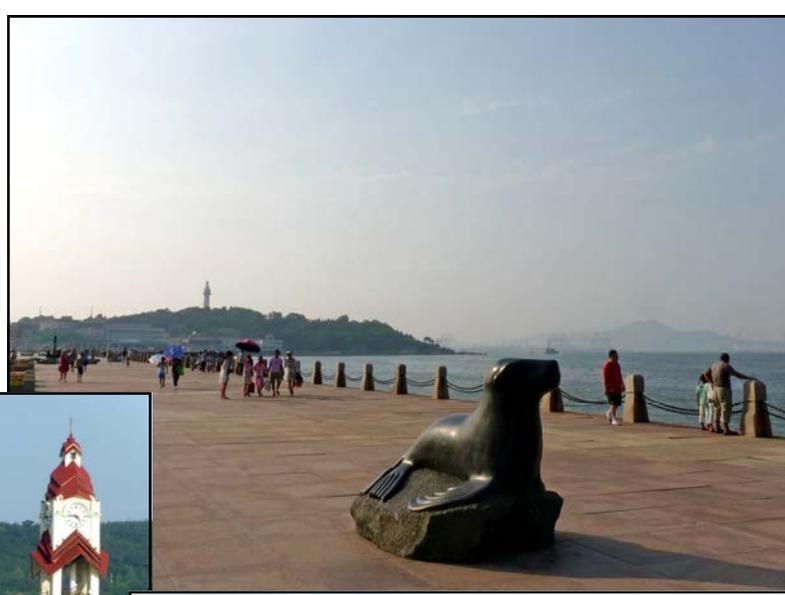
Our purpose on this visit was threefold: to re-visit Yantai to see how it has changed; to visit the former school site; and to find any remaining Temple Hill houses which we were interned in.



Views along the promenade (Binhai Beilu) which we knew as the "Bund", and over No. 1 Bathing Beach. The clock tower is directly opposite a small road into the old school site.



It is interesting to see how many old Colonial buildings have been preserved, now overlooked by huge, modern skyscrapers. Many of these old buildings have plaques on them recording their date of construction and former use. In the evenings the promenade is very busy with families and their children







The old Prep School (very dilapidated) but with a plaque by the entrance (and an approximate translation). Around the back of the building there is a Dedication Stone which was not damaged by the Red Guard during the Cultural Revolution because it was buried in undergrowth. (Thanks to John Chaffee for this picture.) Finally, the red-roofed building is on the old Memorial Hall built to commemorate Old Boys of Chefoo Schools killed in World War I. This building is well maintained. The old Co-Ed building still remains, but is in the same state of disrepair as the Prep School building.

China Inland Mission School Site

This building was founded in 1879 on a site chosen by Hudson Taylor. It has an area of 5,855 square metres.

In 2007 it was granted Shandong Provincial Cultural Heritage status.

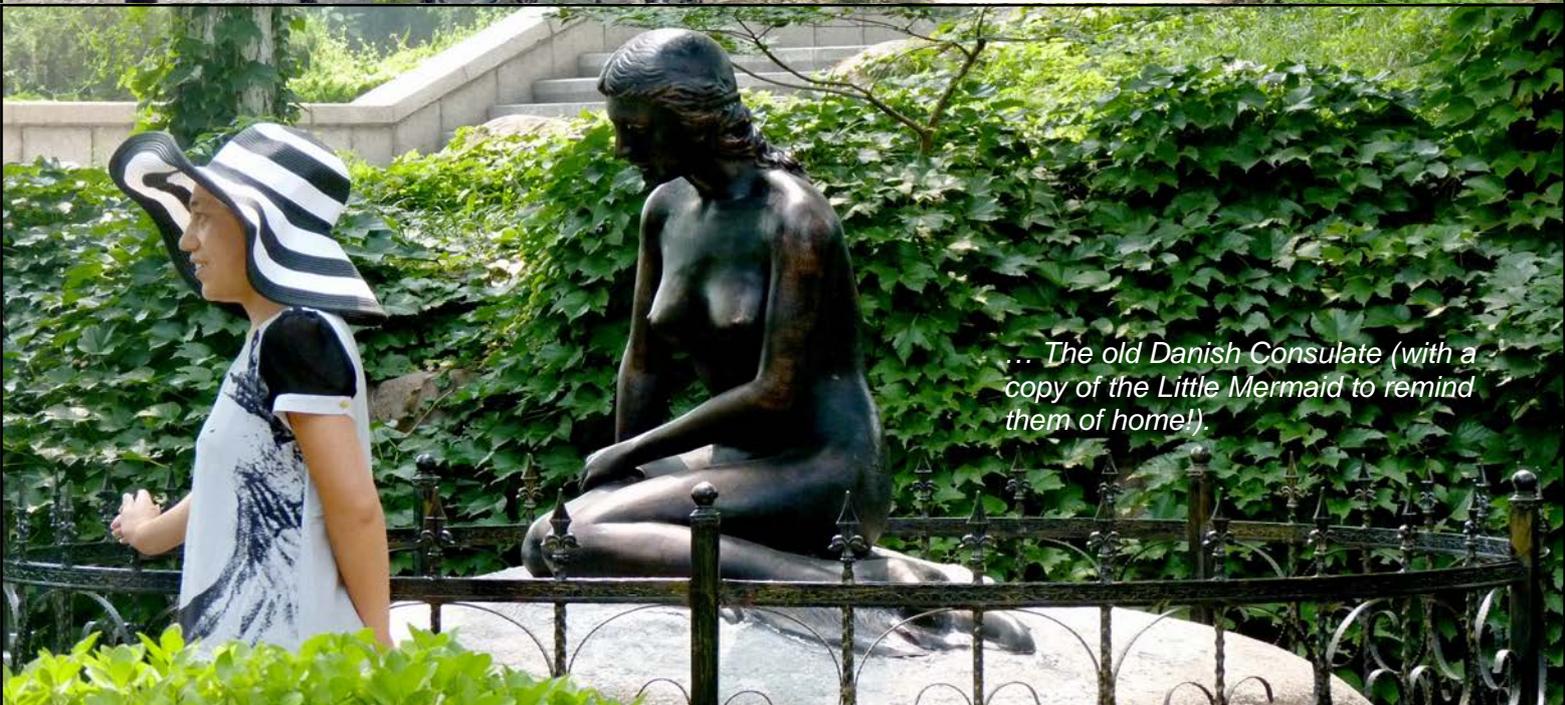


Ruth & Brian Kerry with their daughter Cheryl Tosh



These are views of the old Consular Hill area, now a public park. Many old buildings are very well preserved.





... The old Danish Consulate (with a copy of the Little Mermaid to remind them of home!).



The Dragon King Temple

The old Union Church. On Sundays we would process from the school to either St Andrew's Church (no longer in existence) or the Union Church close by at Consular Hill.



Yantai Union Church



美国领事馆领事官邸旧址

FORMER AMERICAN CONSUL'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

建于20世纪初，烟台德成营造厂建造。二层，砖木结构，四坡顶，东、南有外廊，美式别墅建筑。建筑面积820平方米。在此居住的领事有法勒、鲍恩勋、魏伯等。

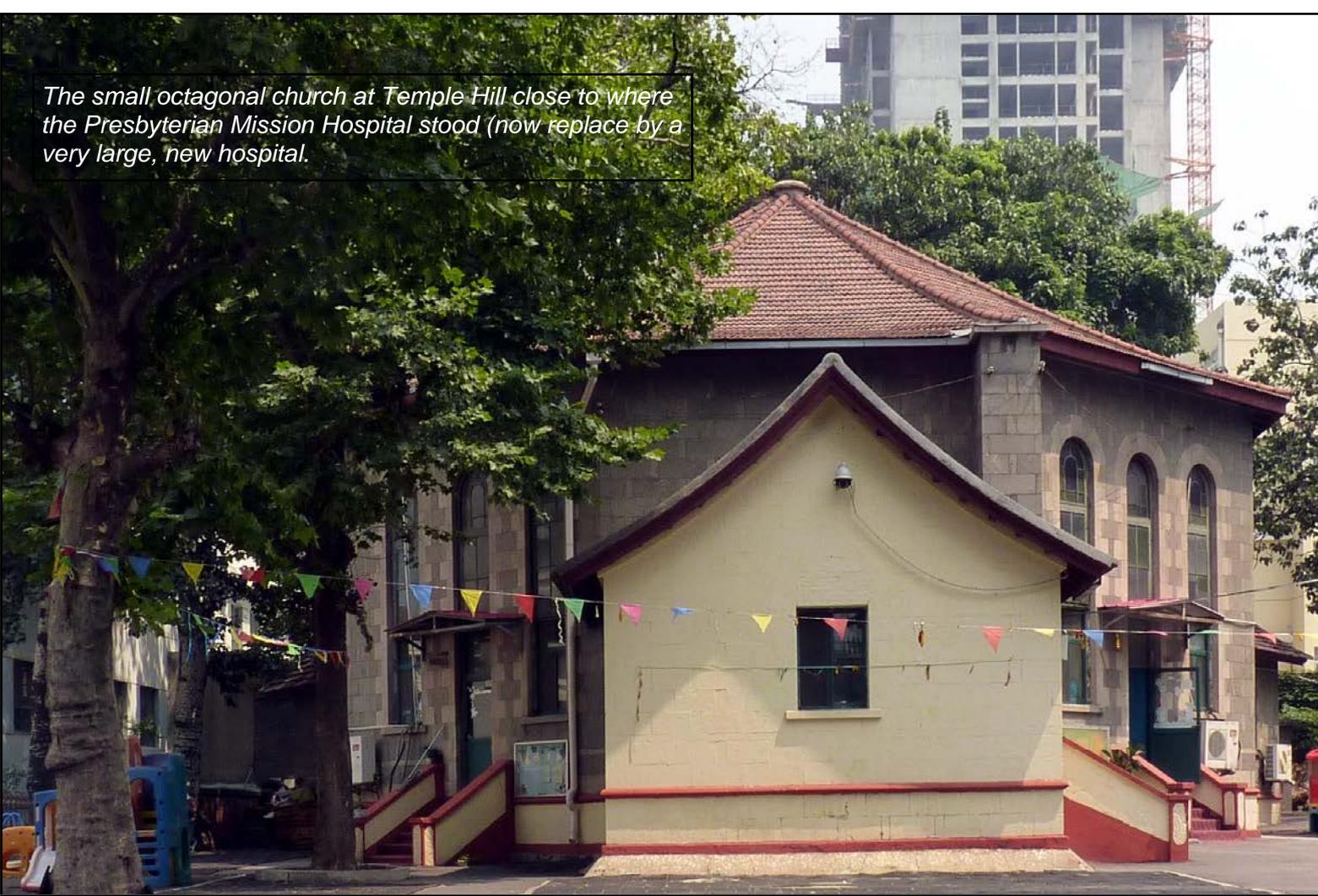
Built in early 1900s by Yantai Decheng Builders Yard, it is a two-storied American villa that covers an area of 820M² in brick and wooden structure with hip roof and verandas attached to its east and south sides. Consuls as Mr. John Fowler, Mr. Paxton and Mr. John Hall had lived here accordingly.



The former American Consul's Residence.

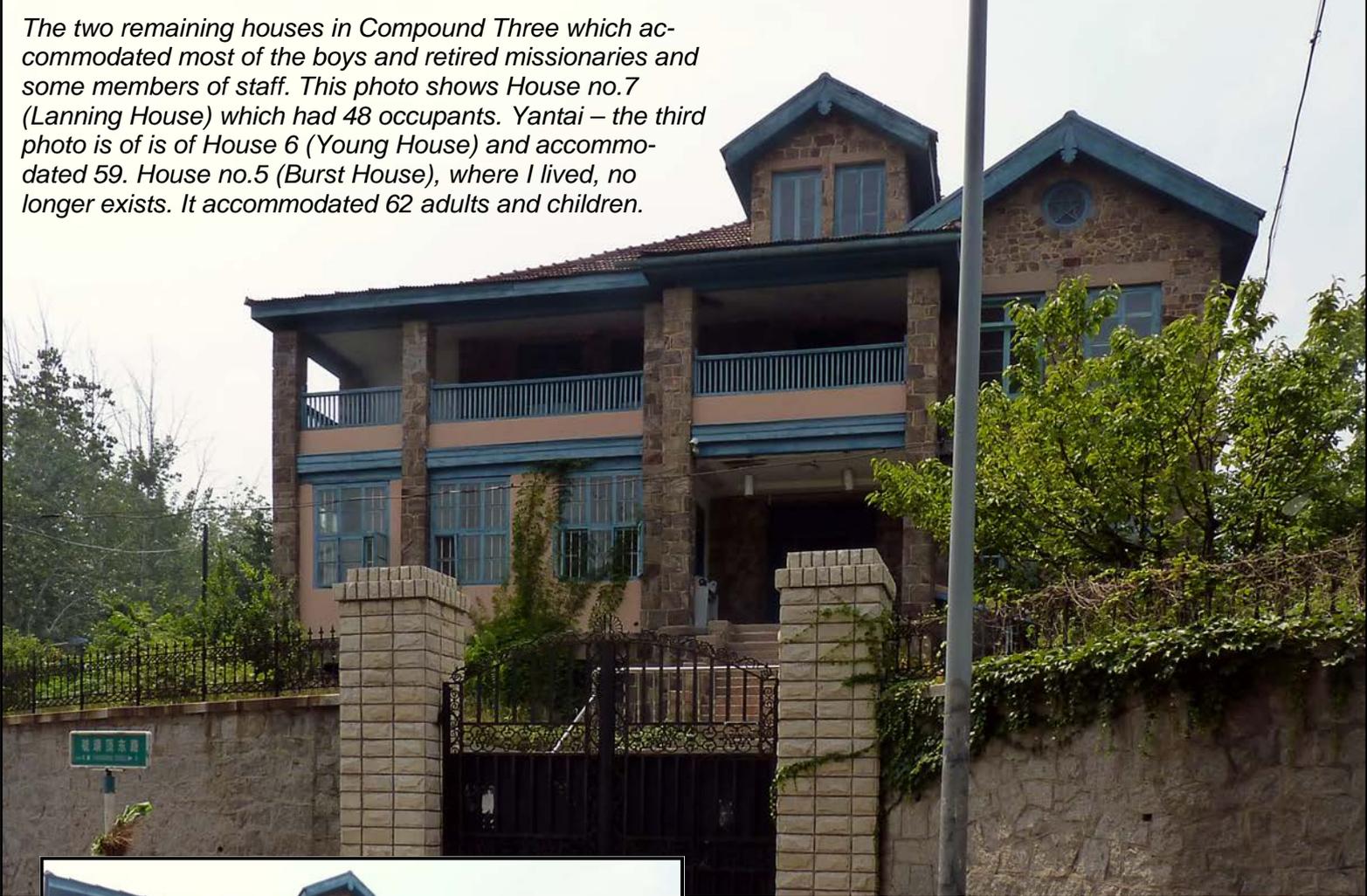


The small octagonal church at Temple Hill close to where the Presbyterian Mission Hospital stood (now replaced by a very large, new hospital).



One of the entrances to the Temple Hill Park.

The two remaining houses in Compound Three which accommodated most of the boys and retired missionaries and some members of staff. This photo shows House no.7 (Lanning House) which had 48 occupants. Yantai – the third photo is of is of House 6 (Young House) and accommodated 59. House no.5 (Burst House), where I lived, no longer exists. It accommodated 62 adults and children.



Yantai by night. The promenade is bustling in the evenings, with many families, strollers, people doing exercises in large groups, and sellers of toys and refreshments and souvenirs.



We enjoyed Yantai so much! It is a lovely sea-side resort city. And it was thrilling to find some remaining buildings which were so significant to me.

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Brian Kerry.