

The Chooutla Indian School

I. HISTORY.

The Indian Boarding School, now known as the Chooutla Indian School, was first established at Carcross in the Spring of 1903. For some years previous a small school had been conducted at Fortymile (below Dawson), under the personal supervision of the late Bishop Bompas. The object at that time was to supply a home for orphans and neglected children, but the need for solid educational work was so pressing, that the advantages of the school were given to all that could possibly be crowded in.

The original Carcross School consisted of two 'shacks', one of which was of logs. It was not long, however, before the Government was brought to see the solid nature of the work being done for the Indian children of the Yukon, and persuaded that better accommodation was a necessity. As a result the present commodious building was erected by the Department of Indian Affairs, and, in the Fall of 1911, placed at the disposal of the Church of England, to be used as a boarding and semi-industrial school for Indian children.

II. OBJECTS AND METHODS.

The school has accommodation for thirty-five children. These are drawn from all parts of the Yukon, some from the immediate vicinity, some from the most nor-