

INTRODUCTION.

Following S.A. Wurm's classification of the languages of the Hagen-Wahgi-Jimi-Chimbu family, Golin is a sub-dialect of the Marigl dialect of the Dom language.¹ Golin is the tribal name of a number of clans situated on the south bank of the Marigl River, around the Gumine Sub-District Office. The boundaries of these clans on the east and the west are the Sua and Mon Rivers respectively. However, a group of Mian clans form a geographical wedge in the area specified, at the township of Gumine. The clan groupings which form Wurm's Marigl dialect I believe to be Golin, Mian, Kia (Sa), Gunaa, Yuri, Era, and some of the Keri clan groups. Although these clan groupings also represent sub-dialects, they do so more on the basis of differences in word lists and intonation patterns rather than on difference of grammatical structure.

The orthography used throughout this paper, with the exception that tone is only marked on the word level, is that established by the writer and his co-author, Mrs. R. Bunn in the article 'Golin Phonology'.²