

**ACROSS**

- 1 Model posed, scratching head, in church (8)  
 5 Was dishonest about paper being plagiarised (6)  
 9 Steps to circumvent official introductions (8)  
 10 Trees containing extremely vile notes (6)  
 11 Glad to be replaced (8)  
 12 Delivery vessel (6)  
 14 Bill simply intended to exclude a change (10)  
 18 Scores use chemist for treatment (5,5)  
 22 Moment one maiden left (6)  
 23 Device for securing pump, perhaps (8)  
 24 Old houses are not initially permitted (6)  
 25 Teacher with bag and cape (8)  
 26 Finish nursing, being out of time (6)  
 27 Locum with good reputation (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Animals found in pie mostly eaten by sailors (6)  
 2 Letter to the Corinthians lies about food (6)  
 3 Piece of metal used by HMQ (6)  
 4 Terrific menu sorted out (10)  
 6 Evil one I left in city (8)  
 7 Tenants regularly blocking attempts to get bargains (8)  
 8 Unattached doctor lives on island (8)  
 13 Penalty from international body cutting shipment off (10)  
 15 Judge from France is half-cut in China (8)  
 16 Character's made tougher after meeting writer (8)

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- 17 Youngster upset after cutting head off fish (8)  
 19 Dull and extremely dilute port (6)  
 20 A fellow wearing dress for excursion (6)  
 21 Sailor goes northward without notice (3,3)