

ACROSS

- 7 Brief season in America results in deficit (9)
 8 Sharp weapon injured bears (5)
 10 Ornate shrines round top of cathedral, showing opulence (8)
 11 Catch out bad parent (6)
 12 Nudge with a soft stick (4)
 13 Striking confession made by model (8)
 15 Body of soldiers ordered to hold equipment (7)
 17 It can be used on wood and nails (7)
 20 I'm entering property to make a valuation (8)
 22 Reportedly regretted being insolent (4)
 25 Accountant on board has a wallet, right? (6)
 26 Scream, as terrible slaughter (8)
 27 Value of some game ritual (5)
 28 Dismiss acts in an outburst of bad temper (9)

DOWN

- 1 Church attitude to committee's head (5)
 2 More knowing Bowman? (6)
 3 Rotten conclusion by editor caused displeasure (8)
 4 Laces it around stretchy material (7)
 5 Quiet skilled worker is prejudiced (8)
 6 See grants arranged for distinction (9)
 9 Look both ways (4)
 14 Urgent demands certain to be admitted by reporters (9)
 16 Denied that profits help (8)
 18 Retired painter took it easy and stopped (8)
 19 Fabled creature I rammed at sea (7)
 21 Light-hearted sprite loses her head (4)
 23 Bit of cloth fellow put round monster (6)
 24 Duck down initially with cad following (5)

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