CROSSWORD
No. 15,968 Set by CHALMIE

ACROSS
1 Precious metal seen in swamp is an illusion (6)
4 Cheer lab that constructs whitening mechanism (8)
9 Paying close attention to golden eagle? (6)
10 Undermined MP’s excuse for not voting (8)
12 As disused stations are covered by railway work (8)
13 Head cold interrupting crazy rocker’s comeback (6)
15 Hit friends back (4)
16 Antibiotic fix covering nurse in charge getting sick (10)
19 Choral rite oddly not expecting responses (10)
20 Woman from Clackmannan (4)
23 Mad mother who has her child adopted? (6)
25 A way mother fills up anorexic fielder (5,3)
27 Beats Turkey with lightweights (8)
28 Capital WW2 weapon Anne brought back (6)
29 Hollywood film with fish on inland beach (8)
30 Writes on behalf of good MCs (6)

DOWN
1 Flyers for service inspiring rector (7)
2 Push back about dessert one had (9)
3 Greek flower game (6)
5 Unpleasant secretion wipes out second tree (4)
6 Showing body structure of a new type of bomb (8)
7 Pester bishop to visit literary festival (5)
8 Again pulled prison guard up north (7)
11 As classical art ruined Nice (7)
14 Electronics company has increased turnover after changing half its leaders (7)
17 Weapons indicating elms (9)
18 Fragrances pass over genders, oddly (8)
19 Park country’s unfinished concert (7)
21 You break records for chrysanthemums? (7)
22 Artist comes in with an apparition (6)
24 Time for male to cross line (5)
26 Grass woodlanders up (4)

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AUSTEN FIEL DING
N T P A N AN U
A S I M O V S A L I N G E R
T N I S C L D E G
H U G O R O A L D D A H L
E E W P H T R E
M A R C E L P R O U S T
A S B E N A T A
G E R G E O R W E L L
D R R K S N D
O V I D K E A T S A N N E
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S M O L L E T T O C A S E Y
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