ACROSS
1 Lock in shed if leaving hotel under pressure (8)
5 Sets right parting? (6)
9 Balance doesn’t need a prompt (8)
10 Viciously criticise wise one penning a bible (6)
12 Picture awful scandal if seen with prostitute on vacation (9)
13 Doctor provided tablets at first move (5)
14 Pay attention to addendum by saint (4)
16 Chorus resigns in disarray (7)
19 Return of slayer of beasts (7)
21 Fusses about drink (4)
24 Notes magnitude for climb (5)
25 21 riots in the capitals of Croatia, Latvia and Estonia (9)
27 Where plants are topped to get forest (6)
28 Years when fruit contains within it iron (8)
29 The woman set out the linen (6)
30 Backed into a corner, ever seductive (8)

DOWN
1 Quiet small stream not at all quiet (6)
2 Book wherefrom answers framed (6)
3 Being 16, they would produce these kisses with no upset (5)
4 Well-dressed member, neat fancy clothes (7)
6 Left over in an ensemble (9)
7 I am a soldier Edward fancied (8)
8 The ultimate in diabetes urinalysis having most sugar (8)
11 Buzzers used in sex education part II (4)
15 New Testament declaration (9)
17 Texts in the corridors (8)
18 Take a different view from “Greenland is a green land” (8)
20 Rifle fire (4)
21 Terrible disease in holiday venue (7)
22 Blair regularly spouts untruths and bloomers (6)
23 Story of foot? (6)
26 Words of comfort when repeated, but not here (5)

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